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THE ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND OTHER OFFICERS

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF CHELSEA,

For the Year ending Feb. 20th, 1894.

ALSO A LIST OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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TOWN MEETING WARNING.

The legal voters of the town of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Hotel Hall, in Chelsea, on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 1894, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz.:

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To choose a Town Clerk.

3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several town officers

4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5. To raise money to pay the indebtedness of the town and to defray the expenses for the ensuing year.

6. To see if the town will vote to put its tax-bills into the Town Treasurer's hands for collection in accordance with the law relating thereto.

7. To see if the town will vote the sum of twenty-five dollars for the use of Waterson Post, No. 45, G. A. R., in the observance of Memorial day, 1894.

8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for support of the Public Library.

9. To see if the town will authorize the School Directors to contract with Chelsea Academy for the instruction of any of the scholars of the town.

10. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to collect the amount of money due on lots in Highland cemetery which are now unpaid for, and at the expiration of six months from date, if not paid, to declare the lots vacant, and to remove the bodies buried thereon to land set apart by the town for such purposes.

11. To transact any other proper business.

WILLIAM ROBBINS,
C. P. DICKINSON,
HORACE MOXLEY,
} Selectmen of Chelsea.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 22, 1894.

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Town Officers for the Year 1893-94.

Moderator ..... J. M. COMSTOCK

Clerk ..... E. A. CORWIN

Selectmen ..... WILLIAM ROBBINS, C. P. DICKINSON, HORACE MOXLEY

Treasurer ..... J. B. BACON

Overseer of Poor ..... A. W. WHITNEY

First Constable ..... ALONZO NOYES

Road Commissioner ..... M. O. GATES

Collector of Taxes ..... W. P. TOWNSEND

Listers ..... M. C. ALLEN, EZRA HOOD, J. M. FLINT

Auditors ..... W. S. HATCH, W. P. TOWNSEND, J. A. R. CORWIN

Trustee of Public Money ..... J. B. BACON

School Director for three years ..... J. M. COMSTOCK

" " two " ..... H. L. BIXBY

" " one " FRANKLIN DEARBORN

Town Superintendent ..... B. B. SHERMAN

Clerk ..... W. P. TOWNSEND

Town Grand Juror ..... RICHARD SMITH

Fence Viewers ..... SELECTMEN

Inspector of Leather ..... L. H. SANBORN

Inspector of Lumber and Shingles. FRANK BECKWITH

Pound Keeper ..... WILLIS SCALES

Town Agent ..... S. B. HEBARD

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HIGHWAYS.

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN BY ROAD COMMISSIONER.

1	J A R Corwin, check to M W Wheelock, for order and account books	$1 30
2	F E Hood, 5 days' work	7 50
3	James B Smith, 12 days' work	18 00
4	F E Hood, 7 days' work	10 50
5	Wm Kenison, 9 days and 2 hours' work	13 80
6	F E Hood, 9½ days' work	14 25
7	John C Royce, cutting bushes beside road on the new turnpike	7 00
8	F M Perkins, 3 1-5 days' work and 90 loads of dirt at 5 cts per load	9 30
9	James B Smith, 10 7-10 days' work	16 05
10	Albert W Chandler, 10 days' work	15 50
11	Albert W Chandler, 6 days' work	9 00
12	F E Hood, 10 days' work	15 00
13	Alpheus Hood, 17 days' work	25 50
14	Alpheus Hood, 1 8-10 days' work and $1 for two logs for sluice	3 70
15	W M Mattoon, 7 days' work self and team, and extra horse 3 days	25 00
16	Wales Moulton, 7 days' work	10 50
17	Wm A Kenison, 15½ days' work	23 25
18	Jas B Smith, 12 days' work	15 00
19	W M Mattoon, 2 days' work 3 horses, 12½ work with 2 horses	48 63
20	W M Mattoon, 15 days' work with horses	48 75
21	A W Chandler, 4½ days' work	6 75
22	F M Perkins, 4 days' work	6 00

23	Jas B Smith, 14½ days' work	$21 75
24	Wales Moulton, 18½ days' work	27 75
25	F E Hood, 15½ days' work	23 25
26	Jas B Smith, 8 4-10 days' work	12 60
27	Wales Moulton, 12 6-10 days' work	18 90
28	A W Chandler, 3 2-10 days' work	4 80
29	Jas B Smith, 9½ days' work	14 25
30	Wm A Kenison, 15½ days' work	23 25
31	Wales Moulton, 12 days' work	18 00
32	F E Hood, 17 6-10 days' work	26 40
33	W M Mattoon, 12½ days' work with team	40 62
34	M O Gates, 7 days' work with self and oxen	24 50
35	Wales Moulton, 6 days' work	9 00
36	Jas B Smith, 7 days' work	10 50
37	Wales Moulton, 8 days' work	12 00
38	Jas B Smith, 5 6-10 days' work	8 40
39	F E Hood, 20½ days' work	30 75
40	W A Kenison, 25 1-10 days' work	37 65
41	C M Hunt, 1 9-10 days' work and 98 ft plank	3 83
42	Wales Moulton, 2 days' work	3 00
43	W M Mattoon, 22 1-10 days' work with team	71 82
44	W M Mattoon, 22 days' work with team	71 50
45	A F Morey, lumber for highway	2 34
46	Wales Moulton, 3 6-10 days' work	5 40
47	M O Gates, 29¾ days' work with team	104 12
48	M O Gates, 21 days' work with team and hired man's work 2 days	76 50
49	M O Gates, 4 4-10 days' work with team & man	22 00
50	M O Gates, 33½ hours' work with team & man	16 75
51	W A Kenison, 26 days' work	46 25
52	C M Blaisdell, 2¼ days' work	3 37
53	W A Kenison, powder and fuse for blasting	8 80
54	F E Hood, 18 9 1-0 days' work	28 35
55	Geo Andrus, 3 days' work	3 00
56	A I Dexter, cutting bushes and drawing stone	1 00
57	F M Perkins, 1½ days' work	2 25
58	R W Laird, 1 day's work	1 50

59	F T Beckwith, 150 ft plank	1 50
60	W C Goss, stone for two sluices	1 50
61	H S Fitz, two hemlock logs	1 00
62	Mrs S H Grant, two logs and 40 ft plank	1 40
63	M O Gates, 12 1-8 days' work with team & man	60 75
64	M O Gates, 26 4-10 days' work with team	86 45
65	M O Gates, 16 1-10 days' work self, 5 days' work for team, and ½ day's work for man	54 70
66	Abel Merrill, 5½ hours' work	66
67	Timothy Sullivan, repairing tools and sharpening drills	10 53
68	M O Gates, keeping town oxen 29 weeks	83 00
		$1487 92

BRIDGES.

EXPENSE OF TRACY BRIDGE.

C P Dickinson, nails	$1 71	
E O Tracy, railing, bolts and labor	18 57	
Timothy Sullivan, sharpening drills	1 90	
Horace Moxley, labor, self and team	13 75	
C C Cross, "	3 75	
James Smith, "	1 50	
Elisha Mattoon, stone	11 50	
Waterson Post, No 45, stone	2 00	
Henry Clark, labor, self and team	7 50	
Frank W Russell, "	9 45	
Levi L Pierce, "	8 25	
L H Bohonon, three stringers	18 00	
Plank	10 00	
Barnes & Townsend, stick timber	3 50	
		$111 38

EXPENSE OF BUCK BRIDGE.

C P Dickinson, nails	$1 27	
Levi L Pierce, stringers and labor	7 25	
Wm Robbins, labor and cash paid	7 75	
O F Davis, labor, self and team	5 25	
L H Bohonon, three stringers	18 00	
Plank	4 00	
		$43 52

EXPENSE OF BRIDGE NEAR F DEARBORN'S.

C P Dickinson, nails	$ 12	
Levi L Pierce, stringers	9 00	
Levi L Pierce, labor, self and team	14 62	
T D Spear, " "	4 50	
C M Blaisdell, " "	14 63	
M O Coburn, " "	50	
		$43 37

EXPENSE OF OLD CEMETERY BRIDGE.

Horace Moxley, labor	$2 00	
James Smith, "	1 00	
		$3 00

EXPENSE OF COVERED BRIDGE NEAR H. MOXLEY'S.

Horace Moxley, labor	$2 25

EXPENSE OF BRIDGE NEAR C. W. PIXBY'S.

H Moxley, labor	75

EXPENSE OF BRIDGE NEAR E. H. ALLEN'S.

H. Moxley, labor	$1 50

EXPENSE OF BRIDGE NEAR A. F. MOREY'S.

A F Morey, labor and plank	$1 00

EXPENSE OF ALL OTHER BRIDGES.

Wm Robbins, labor and cash paid	$17 75
	$224 52

SIDEWALKS.

Geo F D French, labor	$6 30	
Barnes & Townsend	10 00	
Henry Clark, drawing dirt and stone	38 05	
M O Coburn, labor	10 20	
F H Stanton, drawing dirt	5 00	
E B Dickinson, labor	12 40	
		$81 95

Amount expended on highways	$1487 92
" " bridges	224 52
" " sidewalks	81 95
	$1794 39

BREAKING ROADS.

Will Pitkin, order	$3 50	W C H Wallace, dam.	$5 00
John Royce	1 75	Wm Robbins	1 93
C M Hunt	4 27	G W Taplin	81
W A Kenison	1 12	C F Moulton	9 12
E M Smith	1 12	Fred Hall	3 24
Albert Thompson	3 87	A H Denison	10 68
O H Royce	1 50	C A Bacon	7 75
W C H Wallace	6 75	John A Sanborn	7 60
T J Doyle	2 85	Wales Moulton	1 42
P S Fogg	3 90	C A Bacon	9 87
F J Ackerman	1 50	A F Morey	3 50
Levi Pierce	7 25	Frank Hackett	50
Geo A Lincoln	2 63	Mahlon Young	87
C W Hopkins, damage	5 00	Amos Wright	1 00
R W Moulton	1 44	Geo F Reed	2 12
J A R Corwin, order	1 87	Walter Carpenter	9 88
W H Alger	1 31	E J Rich	3 81
David Dickerman	10 00	Jas Cosgrove	21 75
Alvah Carpenter	1 43	Filmore Edwards	2 25

L Bohonon	$6 67
Frank Gilman	10 76
W A Kenison	2 25
H S Fitts	3 12
Alpheus Hood	3 62
E G Brown	2 36
Geo M Young	96
J Y Peavy	3 87
E G Thorne	2 50
W F Dewey	6 00
Chas Grant	1 37
G B Lane	3 50
S M Keyes	4 50
A Barnes	3 24
F J Tucker	2 62
Geo B Colby	5 50
Frank E Larkin	2 25
Geo H Dunbar	1 87
M M C Morey	3 12
Forrest Hood	2 33
Harry Bryant	2 33
C C Locke	1 25
S L Rich	5 05
W A Kenison	4 50
S Beckwith	8 31
Calvin Goodwin	2 37
E N Bacon	2 85
Joseph McConnell	7 97
F E Bixby	2 50
E W Hood	5 87
Chas Rich	1 19
Erastus Bugbee	4 37
Warren Stearns	9 03
C C Cross	1 87
Lyman Denison	$2 37
Robt Laird	5 12
C M Davis	1 95
S E Wills	5 58
O D Medcalf	8 25
C W Goodwin	4 87
S H Hebard	1 44
John D Bowen	3 25
Fred H Folsom	2 50
A A Annis	3 12
L J Gray	5 44
Geo Dickerman	9 92
Joseph French	85
C M Blaisdell	4 62
L A Burbank	8 38
Geo M Medcalf	2 37
J A Tracy	6 18
E A Adams, damage	5 00
W M Mattoon	4 50
W A Hood	94
E E Stone	7 50
Smith Taylor	2 87
G L Haywood	1 50
A W Whitney	5 00
G B Roberts	2 70
W E Bacon	5 54
Gilman Sanborn	2 75
Henry Lyford	15 00
H S Annis	1 50
H W Spear	62
John D Bowen, order	13 50
N S Bixby	3 15
A W Whitney	1 50
F E Bixby	3 00
	$450 81

PARSONAGE AND SCHOOL MONEY.

Division of Parsonage Money.

Paid Congregational Society	$19 50
Methodist Society	19 50
Methodist Society, West Hill	19 50
	$58 50

Division of School Money, March 25, 1893.

Interest on surplus money	$149 55
Rent on school land	31 50
Huntington fund	46 87
School tax	459 47
Amount to be divided	$687 39

Dist. No. 1	$38 93	Dist. No. 10	$42 87
" 2	116 16	" 11	24 45
" 3	27 68	" 12	44 89
" 4	24 14	" 13	28 93
" 5	48 52	" 15	29 65
" 6	29 84	" 16	34 35
" 7	43 76	" 17	53 95
" 8	42 85	" 18	30 64
" 9	25 78		
			$687 39

Amount paid for one half excess over one third of grand list and public money.

District No. 11, for 1891 and 1892	$39 78
" 15, for 1893	17 00
	$56 58

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Liquor on hand, Feb. 1st, 1894	$371 20	
Cash received for sale of liquor, and same paid to town treasurer	1273 32	
		$1644 52
Liquor on hand, Feb. 1st, 1893	$333 22	
Paid for liquor	1025 51	
freight on same	23 55	
agent's salary	100 00	
		1507 26
Net profit		$137 26

CEMETERY REPORT.

Old Cemetery.

Paid E D Barnes for mowing	$2 00

Highland Cemetery.

Due from town, Feb. 11th, 1893	$920 82	
Interest on same	30 69	
Cash from C H Perkins, for lot 170	12 00	
Mrs Wm Goodwin, " 294	12 00	
Mrs Josiah Minard, " 110	12 00	
Mrs Harry O Flint, " 162	12 00	
E D Barnes, for grass	12 25	
		$1011 76

CREDIT.

Paid Geo F D French, fixing fence	1 28
Due from town	$1010 48

ASSETS.

Due for lots sold and unpaid:

M V B Davis	$12 00	
Lyman D Humphrey	12 00	
Henry Magoon	12 00	
Smith Taylor	12 00	
Wm Courtney	12 00	
Wm H Luce	12 00	
Walter M Ordway	12 00	
Perley W Rogers	12 00	
H C Birchmore	12 00	
Due from Richard Smith, for grass	6 25	
		114 25
		$1124 73

Cemetery near West Hill Meeting-house.

Due for lots sold and unpaid:

Mrs C F Edwards, for one lot	$5 00	
Irvin Bowen, "	5 00	
		$10 00

Fund.

Money left by Mrs. Sarah Grow, the income to be used to keep her lot in repair in Highland Cemetery, and two other lots in the old cemetery, as per her will recorded in the Town Clerk's office, May 20th, 1889.

CR.

One share National Bank of Orange Co., fully paid	$100 00	
One share First National, which is due	15 00	
Cash in selectmen's hands	6 50	
		$121 50

DR.

To town, for payment to National Bank of Orange Co., last instalment, and the same to be paid to town	$15 00
	$106 50

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT,—1893.

79 dog licenses, at $1		$79 00
1 "	at 2	2 00
3 "	at 4	12 00
		$93 00
Fees retained		8 30
Cash paid into town treasury		$84 70

Damage done by dogs,—C M. Hunt, $3.00.

OVERSEER OF POOR'S REPORT.

REPORT OF TOWN FARM,—Arthur E. Bacon, Supt.

DR.

Paid J B Bacon, town tax	$8 71
C S Emery, insurance tax	8 03
J A R Corwin, phosphate	22 95
W P Townsend, papers and box rent	1 90
S W George, school tax	1 25
Mark Clough, harrow	27 00
Charles Luce, hay	40 00
Perley Rogers, repairing wagon	3 90
F W Russell, sawing wood	14 00
T G Dearborn, two pigs	5 00
Horace Durkee, threshing	4 08
Albert Thompson, sleigh	7 00
J A R Corwin, bill	51 82
C P Dickinson, bill	51 96
Byron Berry, bill	6 41
A R Hood & Son, bill	23 77
Pettes & Denison, bill	5 16
H A Davis, blacksmithing	2 40
W S Hatch, bill	10 02

Paid money expended by overseer	$8 00	
Gilman Thorne, hay	36 61	
Dr S N Goss, medical attend. & med	30 00	
C P Dickinson, fur robe	8 00	
Selectmen, rent on lease land	12 04	
E O Tracy, bill	17 26	
A H Powers, bill	35 65	
Tim Sullivan, bill	4 85	
H A Sargent, bill	2 00	
Orange Densmore, bill	4 92	
Money expended by superintendent	5 35	
Leroy Sleeper, bill	27 65	
Alonzo Noyes, liquor	3 23	
Arthur Bacon, services on Poor Farm,	175 00	
Due Arthur Bacon, April 1, 1894, services on Poor Farm	100 00	
		$767 92

Appraisal of Stock, Tools, Provisions, etc., Feb. 1.

3 cows	$85 00	70 lbs lard	$8 40
1 yoke cattle	100 00	15 lbs butter	3 00
25 sheep	75 00	130 lbs maple sugar	7 80
1 7-yrs old mare	65 00	1 bbl vinegar	4 00
1 6-yrs "	100 00	Pickles	1 00
1 5-yrs "	100 00	1 cask cider	3 00
1 2-yrs old colt	40 00	6 gallons boiled cider	3 00
2 shotes	10 00	15 lbs dried apple	1 00
13 hens	6 50	Wool	18 75
17 tons hay	170 00	2 lbs tea	90
1½ tons straw	7 50	1 bushel salt	60
108 bushels oats	48 60	Fine salt	45
20 bushels india wheat	8 00	½ bbl flour	2 25
25 bushels corn	16 87	100 lbs cotton seed meal	1 50
60 bushels potatoes	24 00	100 lbs indian meal	1 20
8 bushels beans	16 00	½ bbl soap	1 50
3 bushels peas	6 00	20 yds cotton cloth	1 60
300 lbs salt pork	36 00	50 cords stove wood	140 00
100 lbs fresh meat	10 00	100 ft bass lumber	1 00
33 lbs sausage	3 30	250 ft hemlock lumber	2 50

8000 ft hemlock logs	$60 00
Sled, cart & har. lum.	4 00
4 sled tongues	2 00
2 ox carts	20 00
2 wagons	65 00
1 sleigh	7 00
2 ox sleds	8 00
1 bob sled	1 00
3 harnesses	20 00
1 pair pole straps	1 50
2 yokes	5 00
3 ladders	5 00
1 plow	7 00
1 harrow	2 00
1 harrow	27 00
1 cultivator	2 00
1 wheelbarrow	3 00
1 mowing machine	40 00
1 horse rake	20 00
1 garden rake	25
2 drag rakes	75
2 scythes and 2 snaths	1 00
1 grindstone	3 00
1 stone drag	1 50
1 spade	40
1 manure hook	50
3 shovels	1 00
3 manure forks	1 50
3 hay forks	75
1 iron bar	1 00
4 hoes	50
200 tin sap buckets	35 00
3 sap pans	3 00
1 sugaring-off pan	3 50
1 draw tub	5 00
1 holder	$2 00
1 caldron kettle	2 00
3 logging chains	2 00
1 trace chain	50
4 halters	2 00
2 horse blankets	2 00
4 cider barrels	4 00
1 bushel basket	50
2 half bushel baskets	50
2 half bushel measures	75
11 meal bags	1 00
1 robe	8 00
4 axes	2 00
1 vise	1 00
1 beetle and 4 wedges	1 50
1 cross-cut saw	1 25
3 saws	1 50
1 key-hole saw	30
2 wood saws	75
Auger, chisel and bits	2 85
1 steel square	1 50
1 draw knife	75
1 block plane	50
1 fore plain	73
1 jointer	1 00
2 hammers	50
1 try square	35
Divid's, ch. line & br.	50
1 force pump	1 00
1 sprinkler	50
2 monkey wrenches	75
2 pairs sheep shears	1 00
2 hand rakes	50
5 gallons kerosene oil	60
1½ lb paris green	30
	$1536 67

Produce Sold from the Poor Farm.

Sheep	$33 00
Calf	6 60
Butter	17 86
Beans	6 29
Peas	70
Potatoes	$3 00
Straw	1 40
Sheep's pelt	65
Keeping Gates' cattle,	75
	$70 25

Statement of Town Farm Account.

DR.

To stock on hand, Feb. 1st, 1893	$1338 53	
interest on surplus money	88 32	
cash paid as per this report	667 92	
due Arthur Bacon, April 1st, 1894	100 00	
		$2194 77

CR.

By stock on hand, Feb. 1st, 1894	$1536 67	
cash received for produce sold	70 25	
		1606 92
Expense		$587 85

Poor away from Poor House.

The amount expended under this head by the Overseer has been paid as follows:

JOHN N. JONES.

Paid Hattie E Jones, board and care	$30 00	
Rufus Murdock, care during sickness	33 00	
Mrs M O Coburn, work	10 00	
Mrs C M Hall, work	3 00	$76 00

STEPHEN ROLFE.

Paid Chas Luce, care during sickness	$2 00	
H W Dearborn, casket	12 00	14 00

HIAL THOMPSON.

Paid H W Dearborn, casket and robe		15 00

ROXA ROLFE.

Paid James Rolfe, board and care	$18 50	
C P Dickinson, goods	1 56	20 06

MARY HEATH.

Paid Fred Smith, wood		18 00

CARRIE MAGOON.

Paid Mrs C A Bacon, board	$44 00	
J A R Corwin, goods	4 40—	48 40

IRA UNDERHILL.

Paid O P Bacon, board and care	$84 00

W M C HOWARD.

Paid E D Barnes, board and care, and money expended	43 50

SARAH GARVIN.

Paid Sarah M Mattoon, house rent	$18 75	
C P Dickinson, goods	1 40—	20 15

LOUISA LADD.

Paid Jennie Bugbee, work	2 00

MARY SILLOWAY.

Paid Warren Spear, money furnished	5 00

TRAMPS.

Paid F I Whitney, board	$3 00	
E D Barnes, board	1 00—	4 00
Total cost of poor away from Poor Farm		$350 11

RECAPITULATION OF THE COST OF SUPPORT OF POOR.

Total cost of Poor Farm	$587 85	
Total cost of poor away from Poor House,	350 00	
Total expense of poor		$937 96

Invoice of Household Goods at the Poor Farm, February 1, 1894.

8 straw beds
7 feather beds
16 pillows
8 bedsteads
27 sheets
12 bed quilts
1 flannel bed blanket
6 table covers
4 tables
2 light stands
3 bureaus
3 chests
2 looking-glasses
1 clock
3 kerosene lamps
2 lanterns
1 incomplete set of crockery
1 " " knives & forks
6 rocking chairs
10 dining chairs
6 kitchen chairs
1 cook-stove and pipe
4 box stoves
1 washing machine
2 shovels and tongs
2 glass jars
2 milk pails
2 water pails
1 dasher churn
1 crank churn
3 wash tubs
1 wash board
1 tea kettle
2 tea pots
1 coffee pot
1 tin can
7 square baking pans
1 two-quart pail
2 two-quart dishes
1 sap dipper
3 three-pint dishes
4 pint dishes
1 butter worker
1 milk strainer
4 butcher knives
5 wash dishes
16 towels
6 dish wipers
4 flat irons
2 meat barrels
1 chopping knife
2 skimmers
1 tunnel
1 paring machine
2 dish pans
1 stew pan
1 porcelain kettle
1 lard kettle
2 iron kettles
2 brass kettles
2 two-quart dippers
2 one-quart dippers
1 five-gallon keresene can
1 two-quart "
1 ash pail
2 tin covers
3 one-gallon jugs
1 four-gallon jug
1 dozen knives and forks
1 dozen teaspoons
3 dessert spoons
1 large spoon
1 set of crockery
1 four-gallon stone jar
1 two-gallon stone jar
1 wooden butter bowl
1 chopping tray
1 iron dinner pot
2 pair steelyards
1 egg beater

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN BY OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Fred W Smith, wood for Mary Heath $8 00
Gilman Thorne, hay for the town farm 36 61
Mrs C A Bacon, board and care of Carrie Magoon from Jan 1, 1893, to April 1, 1893 ..... 13 00
H W Dearborn, coffin for Stephen Rolf 12 00
Chas Luce, hay for town farm 40 00
Mark Clough, harrow for town farm 27 00
Hattie Jones, board and care of John N Jones 13 00
J A R Corwin, phosphate 22 95
Mrs C A Bacon, board and care of Carrie Magoon from April 1, 1893, to July 1, 1893 ..... 13 00
Rufus Murdock, care of John N Jones 33 00
James Rolf, board and care of Roxa Rolf from March 4 to July 29, 1893 ..... 10 50
Mrs M O Coburn, care of John Jones 10 00
W A Spear, money furnished Mary Silloway 5 00
Hattie Jones, care and money expended for John Jones 17 00
H W Dearborn, casket for Hial Thompson 15 00
C S Emery, insurance on town farm 8 05
Arthur E Bacon, services on town farm 125 00
Horace Durkee, threshing 4 08
James Rolf, board and care of Roxa Rolf from July 29 to Nov 16, 1893 ..... 8 00
J B Bacon, town, highway and school taxes 8 71
Fred W Smith, wood for Mary Heath 10 00
T G Dearborn, two pigs for town farm 5 00
Arthur Bacon, services on town farm 50 00
Mrs C A Bacon, board and care of Carrie Magoon from July 1 to Dec 30, 1893 ..... 18 00
F W Russell, sawing wood 14 00
Orrin P Bacon, board and care of Ira Underhill from July 13, 1893, to Jan 25, 1894 ..... 84 00
E D Barnes, board and care of W M C Howard 43 50
J A R Corwin, goods as per bill 56 22
C P Dickinson, goods as per bill 54 92
Sarah M Mattoon, house rent for Mrs Garvin, from June 1, 1893, to March 1, 1894 ..... 18 75

A R Hood & Son, goods as per bill	$23 77
B Berry, bill of goods	6 41
A H Powers, flour and feed	35 65
Timothy Sullivan, blacksmithing	4 85
S N Goss, M D, medical serv. & med. furnished town poor	30 00
C P Dickinson, fur robe	8 00
E O Tracy, bill of goods	17 26
L L Sleeper, goods for town farm	27 65
C P Dickinson, selectman, rent on lease land	12 04
Orange Densmore, blacksmithing	4 92
Alonzo Noyes, liquor	3 23
A W Whitney, money paid out as per bills	59 98
Fred Hall, work	2 00

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Following our election at the last town meeting, the selectmen made over to us the library and the funds in their hands raised for its support. The library has been somewhat increased by purchase and by gift, a valuable set of magazines having been given by Mr. Geo. D. Wyman and a box of books by Mr. John Wyman. There are now about 730 volumes in the library. Miss Nellie M. Corwin as librarian and Mrs. Laura D. Stow as her assistant have rendered gratuitously a very valuable service. We give below a statement of our receipts and expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of selectmen	$26 50	
Appropriation by town	50 00	
From fines and sale of catalogues	10 91	
From out-of-town subscribers	1 20	$88 61

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$47 94	
Binding	10 70	
Freight and express	3 24	
Rent of library room	10 00	
Incidentals	2 46	74 34
Leaving a balance in our hands of		$14 27

S B HEBARD,
J M COMSTOCK,
J B BACON,
B B SHERMAN,
G L STOW,
} Trustees.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

On List of 1892:

John Stanton	$5 97	
Congregational Church	2 55	
W R Creer	2 55	
J M Dickey	2 55	
C E Frost	2 55	
E J Partridge	2 55	
		$18 72

On List of 1893:

John Stanton, poll tax	$2 90

PUBLIC BUILDING.

Town of Chelsea,

In Acc't with The Building Committee:

Gift of the Hon. Alden Speare	$6350 00	
Town appropriation	5000 00	
Sale of Tracy lot	400 00	
Sales from new lot	555 00	
Cash from Hon. Alden Speare	300 00	
" Gilbert E Hood	100 00	
" H P Hood	100 00	
" Maria D Moen	100 00	
" Geo B Harris	50 00	
Due from other sources	200 00	
		$13,155 00

Amount paid out:

Mrs Caroline M Hyde	$2300 00	
Construction town storage house	247 45	
Architect's bill	290 00	
Expense of building committee	26 65	
		2,864 10
		$10,290 90

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

TOWN STORAGE HOUSE.

Paid Tracy & Dearborn, labor and material	$150 00	
W S Hatch, painting	20 00	
J Batchelder, moving barn	20 00	
Plank	10 00	
H W Spear, timber	3 50	
Waterson Post, No. 45, stone	2 00	
Barnes & Townsend, dirt	1 15	
Henry Magoon, labor	1 50	
H W Dearborn, windows	3 00	
F H Stanton, labor, self and team	9 15	
A W Chandler, labor	3 95	
C H Corliss, labor	3 80	
Henry Clark, self and team	5 25	
E O Tracy, use of jack screws	1 00	
M O Coburn, labor	3 90	
E B Dickinson, labor	4 75	
Frank Russell, labor	4 50	
		$247 45

ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN.

Richard Kennedy, work on highway in district No. 15	$12 90
John D Bowen, breaking roads in district No. 16	13 50
B B Sherman, services as town supt. of schools	34 50
Willie Pitkin, work on highway in district No. 21	3 50
W S Hatch, services as auditor	5 00
C S Emery, "	5 00
J M Comstock, "	5 00
S B Hebard, committee expenses to examine electric roads	50 00
Wm Robbins, services as selectman in 1892	10 00
J B Bacon, services as treasurer from March, '92. to Mar. '93	10 00
C P Dickinson, service and money paid out as town clerk	47 60
Selectmen, money to pay highway bills	100 00
A W Whitney, services as overseer of poor	50 00
J M Flint, services as lister in 1892	27 00
E A Corwin, services as selectman in 1892	50 00
Horace Moxley, services as lister in 1892	25 00
M O Gates, services as first selectman in 1892	25 00

M C Allen, services as lister for 1892 ....$18 00
C P Dickinson, check sent F S Rogers for liquor 107 66
J M Comstock, treasurer, public money due sch. dist. No. 1. 53 95
Sarah E Wills, " " " " 7.. 43 76
Rufus Brown, " " " " 15.. 29 65
Erastus Bugbee, " " " " 6.. 29 84
W P Townsend, " " " " 2..116 16
Wm C Austin, " " " " 10.. 42 87
M C Allen, " " " " 8.. 42 85
J M Flint, " " " " 9.. 25 78
Geo M Young, " " " " 4.. 24 14
E N Bacon, " " " " 12.. 44 89
Hiram Luce, " " " " 11.. 24 45
L H Bohonon, " " " " 3.. 27 68
E O Mattoon, " " " " 13.. 28 93
W H Emery, " " " " 5.. 48 52
Geo B Roberts, " " " " 18.. 30 64
O D Medcalf, " " " " 16.. 34 35
Horace Moxley, " " " " 00.. 38 93
Rufus Brown, treasurer, ½ excess over ⅓ of grand list and public money for district No 15..... ... . 17 00
Selectmen, money to pay highway bill 100 00
C P Dickinson, check to R Ring & Co., porter for town..... 8 30
Hiram Luce, treasurer, ½ excess over ⅓ of grand list and public money for district No. 11..... 39 78
Ellen S Cooley, int. on town order No. 132, to Mar. 31, '93 ... 10 00
Selectmen, money to pay highway bills 100 00
H W Dearborn, parsonage money due M. E. church.... .... 19 50
Horace Walker, parsonage money due M. E. church, W. Hill. 19 50
Fred W Smith, 2218 ft hemlock plank..... ..... 22 18
Albert Thompson, work removing South Common fence..... 15 00
Wm Robbins, money hired at 4 pr ct, to pay town indebt'ness, 700 00
Clara J Laird, " " " " 250 00
C P Dickinson, check to W A Smith, printing report '93.... 50 16
Selectmen, money to pay highway bills 100 00
Selectmen, cheque to John P Lowell Arms Co., for odometer . 5 00
Wm F Hood, blank books for treasurer..... . 2 00
Calvin Goodwin, yoke oxen..... ... .120 00
John B Bacon, state highway tax.... .....235 82
John B Bacon, state school tax ... .235 82
Ellen K Taplin, money hired at 4 pr ct, to pay town indebt'ss.225 00
Selectmen, money to pay highway bills 50 00
C P Dickinson, check for Climax Road Machine Co. and ex. 12 50
Mrs C M Hall, services of self and husband on town farm... $50 00

Caroline M Hyde, land purchased	786 61
Wm F Hood, mortgage on land pur. of Caroline M Hyde	958 39
Harry F Bryant, money hired at 4 pr ct, to pay town indebt	325 00
Geo Hutchinson, sawing plank	6 74
Building committee, part payment for plans, etc	220 00
Jay Batchelder, moving town barn	20 00
F H Atherton, agt, check to H A Blanchard & Co., liquor	213 87
T G Dearborn, teams for building committee	4 00
C P Dickinson, bridge plank	14 58
F E Atwood, printing town tax cards	7 50
L H Bohonon, stringers, Tracy and Buck bridges	36 00
L L Pierce, work on Tracy bridge	8 25
Frank Rnssell, work on Tracy bridge	9 45
Horace Moxley, work on bridges	20 25
L L Pierce, stringer and work on Buck bridge	7 25
O F Davis, work on Buck bridge	5 25
C P Dickinson, books bought of M W Wheelock	28 27
C P Dickinson, check to D T Mills & Co., alcohol	109 35
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	150 94
C P Dickinson, check to Devereaux & Meserve, liquor	208 84
M H Corwin, plank	18 00
L L Pierce, stringers and work on Dearborn bridge	23 62
C H Corliss, work on town tool house	3 80
A W Chandler, work on town tool house	3 95
F H Tracy, repairs on town tool house	150 00
Chas Blaisdell, work on Dearborn bridge	14 63
F H Stanton, work on town tool house	9 15
H W Dearborn, work on co't ho. bridge and win. for tool ho.	6 00
W P Townsend, making out notice to taxpayers	2 00
C S Emery, insurance on town library	7 00
Wm Robbins, money to L A Work, damage on bridge	3 50
Geo W Durkee, bridge plank	11 42
C C Cross, work on Tracy bridge	2 75
Jas Smith, work on old cemetery bridge and sidewalk	2 50
F W Smith, plank for town tool house	10 00
J B Bacon, two-thirds whole state tax	470 27
E A Corwin, moving town safes	23 88
E B Dickinson, work on town tool house and sidewalk	17 15
T D Spear, work on bridge	4 50
Story N Goss, stone bought of Waterson Post, No. 45	4 00
H L Bixby, bill as school director	19 33
Eli Camp, plank for bridge	4 68
Elisha Mattoon, stone for sidewalk	$11 50
Henry Clark, work on sidewalk	20 00

M O Coburn, work	19 30
W P Townsend, tax on town land	1 39
Henry Clark, drawing dirt	25 55
C S Emery, making town tax lists	6 00
Caroline M Hyde, part payment of order 61	100 00
C M Hunt, sheep killed by dogs	3 00
C S Emery, insurance on school house	4 81
C P Dickinson, Climax Road Machine Co	4 50
C P Dickinson, check to D T Mills & Co., alcohol	96 75
C P Dickinson, check to H A Blanchard & Co., liquor	72 00
Ira Carpenter, selectman of Brookfield, check for apportionment of school money in district No. 8	70 71
J M Comstock, maintaining public library	50 00
B B Sherman, on account of public building	5 00
A H Powers, parsonage money	19 50
A F Tracy, care of town clock	20 00
W F Hood, part payment of order No. 61	500 00
W F Hood, balance of order No. 61	472 77
C P Dickinson, check to M W Wheelock, books	3 05
J M Comstock, books for Jos Abbott's children	65
Bacon & Roberts, storage of town property	11 25
H W Spear, timber for town tool house	3 50
C P Dickinson, check for error in H A Blanchard & Co.'s bill,	2 86
Mary Tracy, error in list of '93	20 30
W P Townsend, collector, abate. of taxes on list of 1892–93	21 62
F H Tracy, making snow plow	1 50
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	45 84
W S Hatch, painting town tool house	20 00
Timothy Sullivan, work	4 30
E O Tracy, goods	41 31
E D Barnes, dirt, timber, etc., furnished town	20 65
Wm Robbins, lubor and cash paid out	25 50
C P Dickinson, goods for town	22 67
C P Dickinson, check to A L Weeks, spl. internal rev. tax	25 00
Newell Bixby, driving hearse, &c	73 25
O B Copeland, one share stock in Nat. Bank of Orange Co	15 00
Alonzo Noyes, salary, and freight on liquor	123 55
C P Dickinson, check to H A Blanchard & Co., liquor	11 90
W P Townsend, returning births, marriages and deaths	8 40
C P Dickinson, cash paid out for town	67 01
C P Dickinson, check to Parkhurst & Kittredge, payment in full for plans and specifications for town hall	70 00
B B Sherman, on account of public building	7 00
" " "	14 65

ORDERS DRAWN BY SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

NO.		
1	W F Dewey, wood for No. 12	$9 00
2	V C Goodrich, 4 charts	40 50
3	Mrs S L Rich, cleaning school-houses Nos. 7 and 8	3 00
4	Leroy Goodell, wood for No. 10	1 33
5	Mary J Dunbar, cleaning school-house No. 10	1 50
6	Wm Ashley, wood for No. 17, and work	8 50
7	S L Rich, wood for No. 7	8 75
8	Mrs F C Robbins, transportation of children	7 20
9	Gertrude E Lesure, teaching 9 weeks in No. 17, and board	82 50
10	Mrs Lima M Price, teaching 8 weeks in No. 7	48 00
11	Martha L Noyes, teaching 8 weeks in No. 10, and board	50 00
12	Jennie E Moore, teaching 8 weeks in No. 8, and board	70 00
13	Allison George, building fires for No. 10	65
14	Bernice L Skinner, teaching 8 weeks in No. 12	32 00
15	Ezra W Hood, transportation of child	8 00
16	M W Wheelock, order book	50
17	Clara J Laird, teaching 8 weeks in No. 15, and board	50 00
18	A Barnes, board of teacher 8 weeks	16 00
19	G W Taplin, board of teacher 8 weeks	12 00
20	Laura R Fuller, teaching 8 weeks in No. 5	40 00
21	Geo Hutchinson, lumber for blackboards	1 50
22	O P Bacon, wood for No. 17	3 00
23	W S Hatch, mdse. as per bill	5 84
24	Mrs S H Grant, board of teacher 8 weeks	16 00
25	Cora E Adams, teaching 10 weeks in No. 11	52 50
26	Mrs J H Griffin, transportation of child	6 00
27	J N Sanborn, wood for No. 15	12 50
28	C N Dearborn, work on school-houses	1 75
29	Whitney, Tracy & Co., painting roofs of school-houses Nos. 2 and 17	4 50
30	H B Lyford, transportation of children	8 00
31	W L Carpenter, wood for Nos. 7 and 8	3 00
32	A S Camp, board of teacher 10 weeks, wood for No. 11, and work at school-house	28 25
33	G H Manchester, steel for desk supports	2 17
34	Mrs Almira Edwards, cleaning school-house No. 12	2 00
35	S L Rich, wood for No. 8	9 80

36	F Gilman, wood for No. 5	$9 50
37	H W Dearborn, 25 chairs, and work at school-houses	15 50
38	T Sullivan, work on desks and stove in school-houses	3 50
39	J L Beers & Co., maps, due Oct. 18, 1894	54 00
40	J G Peavey, work on school-house, No. 11	6 00
41	C S Emery, insurance on school-house4	1 86
42	Gertrude E Lesure, teaching 9 weeks in No. 17	60 00
43	Geo Hutchinson, lumber for desks and benches	6 00
44	Mrs W Ashley, board of teacher 9 weeks	22 50
45	G C Eaton, transportation of child	6 00
46	Leroy Goodell, wood for No. 10	5 83
47	Laura R Fuller, teaching 10 weeks in No. 5	50 00
48	Lillian E Batchellor, teaching 10 weeks in No. 8	62 20
49	H A Kingsbury, board of teacher 10 weeks	25 00
50	Ada J Sherburne, teaching 10 weeks in No. 7	62 00
51	W P Townsend, tuition of scholars in Chelsea Academy	500 00
52	Mrs S H Grant, board of teacher 10 weeks	20 00
53	H B Lyford, transportation of children	9 00
54	Mary A Burbank, teaching 10 weeks in No. 12	60 00
55	G W Taplin, board of teacher 10, weeks	15 00
56	Emily F Carpenter, teach. 10 w. in No. 10, and cash paid	50 15
57	Martha L Noyes, teaching 9 weeks in No. 11, with board	63 00
58	A Barnes, board of teacher 10 weeks	20 00
59	Clara J Laird, teaching 10 weeks in No. 15, and board	65 00
60	Mrs H N Luce, board of teacher 10 weeks	20 00
61	G D Bates, work on school-house No. 11	1 75
62	C N Dearborn, work on school-houses and materials fur	5 50
63	A S Camp, clapboards for school-house No. 11	1 00
64	C D Grant, building fires for No. 7	1 25
65	Leroy Goodell, wood for No. 10	10 00
66	C P Dickinson, supplies furnished schools	1 38
67	A B Wright, transportation of child	10 00
68	F H Tracy, work on school-house No. 17	75
69	Laura R Fuller, teaching 10 weeks in No. 5—	50 00
70	A W Whitney, work on school-house No. 5	1 00
71	Mrs F M Hackett, transportation of children	25 00
72	H B Lyford, transportation of children	12 00
73	W P Townsend, tuition of scholars in Chelsea Academy	375 00
74	Martha L Noyes, teaching 9 weeks in No. 11, with board	63 00
75	Gertrude E Lesure, teaching 10 weeks in No. 17, "	91 67
76	Clarence D Stearns, building fires for No. 12	2 00
77	Ada J Sherburne, teaching 10 weeks in No. 7	62 00
78	Mrs S H Grant, board of teacher 10 weeks	25 00
79	Chas D Grant, building fires for No. 7	2 00
80	A Barnes, board of teacher 10 weeks	25 00

81	Archie Drew, building fires for No. 11	$3 00
82	Alfred George, building fires for No. 10	3 00
83	F C Robbins, transportation of children	20 00
84	F Dearborn, cash paid for broom for No. 10	30
85	G W Cleveland, work on school-house No. 7	50
86	Wesley M Davis, building fires for No. 17	6 00
87	Mrs Gertie W Dearborn, teach. 10 w. in No. 10, and b'd	75 00
88	E O Tracy, mdse. as per bill	12 37
89	J A R Corwin, " "	2 11
90	H A Kingsbury, board of teacher 10 weeks	25 00
91	H J Kingsbury, building fires for No. 8	3 00
92	A R Hood & Son, mdse as per bil!	2 32
93	Lillian E Batchellor, teaching 10 weeks in No. 8	63 30
94	J H Griffin, transportation of children	50 00
95	Clara J Laird, teaching 10 weeks in No. 15, with board	66 00
96	Mary A Burbank, teaching 10 weeks in No. 12	60 00
97	E Hyde Hobbins, building fires for No. 5	2 50

OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

SELECTMEN.

1890.	NO.			
Mar. 25	534	Sarah C Patterson	$1100 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '94, 4 per ct	170 86—	$1270 86
May 3	544	Sarah C Patterson	200 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '94, 4 per ct	30 15—	230 15
Aug. 19	553	Mrs E S Harrington	265 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '94, 4 per ct	36 90—	301 90
Aug. 22	456	Sarah C Patterson	200 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '94, 4 per ct	27 77—	227 77
1892.				
Mar. 31	132	Ellen S Cooley	250 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '94, 4 per ct	8 61—	258 61
1893.				
June 5	48	Clara J Laird	250 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '94, 4 per ct	6 86—	256 86
June 30	56	Ellen K Taplin	225 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '94, 4 per ct	5 54—	230 54
July 21	60	Caroline M Hyde	686 61	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '94, 4 per ct	16 76—	703 37
Aug. 9	62	Harry Bryant	325 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '94, 4 per ct	6 61—	331 61
1894.				
Jan. 5	121	Wm F Hood	472 77	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '94, 4 per ct	1 94—	474 71
				$4286 38

Mar. 25	22	Rufus Brown	$29 65	
	25	W C Austin	42 87	
	26	M C Allen	42 85	
	27	J M Flint	25 78	
	29	E N Bacon	44 89	
	30	Hiram Luce	24 45	
	31	L H Bohonon	27 68	
27	34	W H Emery	48 52	
	37	Horace Moxley	38 93	
30	38	C P Dickinson	100 00	
31	40	Hiram Luce	39 78	
April 1	41	Ellen A Cooley	10 00	
3	42	C P Dickinson	100 00	
12	43	H W Dearborn	19 50	
22	44	Horace Moxley	19 50	
1894.				
Feb.	13	B B Sherman	14 65—	659 74
		Interest on above orders to Feb. 12, '94, at 6 per ct.	30 69	
				$4946 13

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

1893.				
April 8	1	J A R Corwin	$1 30	
Nov. 24	47	M O Gates	104 12	
	48	"	76 50	
25	50	"	16 75	
1894.				
Jan. 21	61	H Fitz	1 00	
26	63	M O Gates	60 75	
	64	"	86 45	
27	65	"	54 70	
31	68	"	83 00	
				$484 57

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

1893.				
April 17	4	H W Dearborn	$12 00	
Feb. 2	31	A R Hood & Son	23 77	
				$35 77

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

1893.

39	J L Beers & Co	$54 00	
76	Clarence D Stearns	2 00	
80	A Barnes	25 00	
84	F Dearborn	30	
87	Gertie W Dearborn	75 00	
88	E O Tracy	12 37	
92	A R Hood & Son	2 37	
94	J H Griffin	50 00	
95	Clara J Laird	66 00	
96	Mary A Burbank	60 00	
97	E Hyde Robbins	2 50	
			349 54
	Total outstanding orders		$5816 00

BILLS APPROVED BY AUDITORS.

E A Corwin, town clerk	$35 78
C P Dickinson, selectman	50 00
Wm Robbins, "	25 00
Horace Moxley, "	7 00
John B Bacon, treasurer	10 00
A W Whitney, overseer of poor	50 00
J M Flint, lister	25 00
E W Hood, "	24 75
M C Allen, "	22 50
Selectmen, appraising school houses and measuring roads	18 00
B B Sherman, town superintendent	56 00
John M Comstock, school director	10 00
Franklin Dearborn, "	10 00
H L Bixby, "	1 80
Willard S Hatch, auditor	5 00
W P Townsend, "	5 00
J A R Corwin, "	5 00
	$360 83

REPORT OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

In undertaking the administration of the new school law in its first year, the directors have sought to provide the best school privileges for all the children of the town, and to do so without unnecessary expense. For the present year it has not seemed necessary to maintain more than eight schools under our management. These are exclusive of the schools in No. 2, the management of which has been left to the corporation of the Academy, pursuant to authority given by vote of the town and to a practice of some years' standing under the old district system. We recommended to the selectmen a tax of 50 cents for school purposes, which we deemed sufficient for the expenses of the year, when added to the amount of the five per ct. state tax and the income of school lands and the Huntington fund. The estimate has proved quite accurate. Tax-payers should remember that 12 cents on the dollar of the grand list has been heretofore divided among the districts from the town treasury as public money, now no longer required; so that a 50 cent tax really means 38 cents as compared with taxes under the old system. The school year has been made 28 weeks in all schools under our management. Minor repairs have been made on most of the school-houses, and extensive repairs and refurnishing on No. 11. The schools destitute of them have been supplied with an excellent chart, and a new map of Vermont has been put into the schools. The bill for the maps, $54, will not be due till Oct. 18, 1894, and its amount is not included below. The expenses of the year, as far as orders have been drawn at the date of this report, are as follows: Teachers' wages, $1236.67; board of teachers, $454; transportation, $161.20; fuel, $88.71; repairs, $43.23; new furniture, $70.73; Chelsea Academy, $875; incidentals, $47.32; total, $2976.86. We give below a more detailed account of the expense by schools.

No. 2.

Chelsea Academy.....	$875 00
Repairs on build. & fur..	16 92
	$891 92

No. 5.

L R Fuller, teach. 28 w.	$140 00
G W Taplin, board.....	27 00
F Gilman, wood	9 50
Building fires.....	2 50
Repairs.....	2 56
	$181 56

No. 7.

Mrs L M Price, teach. 8 w.	$48 00
Ada J Sherburne, " 20 "	124 00
Mrs S H Grant, board...	61 00
S L Rich, wood.....	8 75
W L Carpenter, wood	1 50
Cleaning	1 50
Building fires...	3 25
Repairs and broom	2 65
	$250 65

No. 8.

Jennie E Moore, teaching 8 weeks and board	$70 00
Lillian E Batchellor, teaching 20 weeks	126 50
H A Kingsbury, bo'd 20 w.	50 00
S L Rich, wood	9 80
W L Carpenter, wood	1 50
Cleaning	1 50
Building fires	3 00
Repairs and broom	1 25
	$263 55

No. 10.

Martha L Noyes, teaching 8 weeks and board	$50 00
Emily F Carpenter, teaching 10 weeks	50 00
Mrs G W Dearborn, teaching 10 weeks and board	75 00
H N Luce, board 10 weeks	20 00
L Goodell, wood	17 16
Cleaning	1 50
Building fires	3 65
Repairs, chalk and broom	5 00
	$222 31

No. 11.

Cora E Adams, teach. 10 w.	$52 50
Martha L Noyes, teaching 18 weeks and board	126 00
A S Camp, board 10 weeks	20 00
A S Camp, wood	7 50
Building fires	3 00
Repairs and broom	36 14
	$245 14

No. 12.

Bernice L Skinner, teaching 8 weeks	$32 00
Mary A Burbank, teaching 20 weeks	120 00
A Barnes, board	61 00
W F Dewey, wood	9 00
Cleaning	2 00
Building fires	2 00
Repairs	1 90
	$227 90

No. 15.

Clara J Laird, teaching 28 weeks and board	$181 00
J N Sanborn, wood	12 50
F Braman, carrying teacher, Building fires	
	$193 50

No. 17.

Gertrude E Lesure, teaching 28 weeks	$186 67
W Ashley, board	70 00
W Ashley, wood	8 50
O P Bacon, wood	3 00
Building fires	6 00
Repairs	9 85
	$284 02

Miscellaneous.

F C Robbins, transporta'n		$27 20
E W Hood,	"	8 00
J H Griffin,	"	56 00
H B Lyford,	"	29 00
G C Eaton,	"	6 00
A B Wright,	"	10 00
F M Hackett,	"	25 00
Charts		40 50
Insurance		1 86
Sundries		12 65
		$216 21

JOHN M COMSTOCK,
HIRA L BIXBY,
FRANKLIN DEARBORN, } School Directors.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Would respectfully report that since the last annual meeting there has been paid by the treasurer 321 town orders drawn by the selectmen, overseer of the poor, school commissioners, and road commissioner.

Paid school orders	$2668 56
highway orders	1003 35
selectmen and overseer of poor orders	8093 15
eight fox bounties, at 60c	4 80
Allowed to treasurer 4 per ct. on $6383.54, allowed by treasurer to tax payers paying their taxes before the expiration of 90 days	255 34
Allowed treasurer 1 per ct. on $6128.20, paid to treasurer before the expiration of 90 days by tax payers	61 28
Allowed treasurer for issuing 92 warrants to collectors at 5c.	4 60
Balance due on E M Collins' receipt of Dec. 22, 1891	1 89
" " " Nov. 22, 1892	10 00
" W P Townsend's receipt of Nov. 27, '83	172 79
Balance in treasury as per report of Feb. 15, 1893	1780 96
Amount of school money credited in town account belonging in school account	24 75
	$14,082 35

CONTRA, CREDIT.

1893.		By received the following:	
June	4	Selectmen, hired of Wm. Robbins, at 4 pr. ct.	$700 00
	6	" " C J Laird, "	250 00
	6	" being sch. land money due Jan. 1, 93.	11 00
	6	" parsonage money, due Jan. 17, '92	7 92
	9	Alonzo Noyes, sale of liquors in part	300 00
	22	E A Corwin, town clerk, dog licenses for 1893, less fees	84 70
July	1	Selectmen, loaned of Mrs. Ellen Taplin, at 4 pr ct.	225 00
Aug.	10	Alonzo Noyes, sale of liquors in part	250 00
	21	Selectmen, hired of Harry Bryant, at 4 pr ct	325 00
	21	" contributed by Alden Speare, toward am't to be paid by him for town hall and libr'y,	300 00
	21	Selectmen, contributed by Mrs. Maria G Moen, for public library	100 00

Aug.	21	Selectmen, contributed by Harvey P Hood, for public building	$100 00
	21	Selectmen, contributed by Gilbert E Hood, for public building	100 00
	21	Selectmen, contributed by Geo B Harris, for public building	50 00
	21	Selectmen, sale of town lot to Sarah Gustin	400 00
Sept.	15	Alonzo Noyes, sale of liquors in part	100 00
1894.			
Feb.	7	A Noyes, balance due for sale of liquors to date	623 32
	10	A W Whitney, overseer of poor, produce sold from town farm the past year	70 25
	10	Selectmen, part of par. money due Jan. 7, 1892	35 90
	10	" part of sch. " " "	13 75
	10	" grass sold from commons and town lot	4 20
	10	" stone sold Geo L Stow	1 00
	10	" " Fifield Bohonon	60
	10	" trees sold J F Tucker	2 00
	10	" plank sold E D Barnes	1 95
	10	" windows sold C M Hall	50
	10	" old rails sold E O Tracy	3 00
	10	" error in settlement with N S Bixby	1 75
	10	" error of C P Dickinson, in drawing town order	50 16
	10	Am't due on E M Collins' receipt of Dec. 22, '91, as by auditors' report of Feb. 15, '93	7 69
	10	Am't due on E M Collins' receipt of Nov. 22, '92, as by auditors' report of Feb. 15, '93	163 97
	10	Balance in treasury, as by report of Feb. 15, '93,	1857 38
	10	Town tax of 75c. on dollar on list of 1883	3530 04
	10	Town sch. tax of 50c, " "	2353 36
	10	State " for 18 sch., year end. Mar. 31, '93.	606 84
	10	Town highway tax, of 20c, on list of 1893	941 35
	10	State highway tax, for 81 miles road of the mileage of the state, May 15, 1893	483 97
	10	Am't of school money cred. in town account, belonging to school account	24 75
			$14,082 35

JOHN B. BACON, Town Treas.

Resources and Liabilities of the Town, Feb. 15, 1894.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders and interest	$5816 00	
Accounts approved by auditors	360 83	
Bal. due Arthur Bacon and wife, services on poor farm	100 00	
		$6276 83

RESOURCES.

Value of liquor on hand	$371 20	
Rent due on lease land	20 61	
Due on E M Collins' town tax rec. of '91,	1 89	
" " " " '92,	10 88	
" W P Townsend's " " '93,	172 79	
One yoke of oxen	120 00	
Cash in treasurer's hands	1780 96	
		2478 33
Excess of liabilities		$3789 50

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned auditors have examined the accounts of the treasurer, and find the same correctly kept, with proper vouchers for all payments. We also find in the hands of the treasurer as per town book $1042 60

As per highway book	316 39	
As per school book	421 97	
Total amount in treasurer's hands,		$1780 96

We also find proper vouchers for all moneys paid by selectmen, overseer of poor, road commissioner, and school directors.

WILLARD S HATCH,
W P TOWNSEND,
J A R CORWIN,
} Auditors.

TO THE TAX-PAYERS OF CHELSEA.

The excess of liabilities over resources, at the close of the present fiscal year, as the foregoing report will show, is $3,798.50, while one year ago it was only $1,156.46, making an increase of $2,642.04, a brief explanation of the cause of which may be acceptable to the tax-payers.

In the first place, there has been paid out on account of the $5000 town hall appropriation the sum of $1259.10.

There has been used in the support of the highways the sum of $62.60 more than the 20c. tax for that purpose.

There has been expended the sum of $33.15 for schools in excess of the 50c. tax for that purpose, which last three items amount to $1354.85.

The balance of the excess may be accounted for in the fact that the tax of 75c. on the dollar of the grand list for current expenses raised only $3,527.05, which when diminished by the treasurer's fee for collection, and the $255.34, the amount of the 4 per ct. allowed tax-payers, leaves a net sum of only $3210.43 as against $4466.63 raised for the same purpose the year before.

The long and short of the matter is that 75c. on a dollar of our present grand list is not sufficient to meet current expenses.

TOWN SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Two hundred and six children have been under instruction outside the academy proper during the last year, of which 199 have been residents of the town and of school age. This gives an average of nearly 23 pupils per school, —the largest enrolment—44—being found in No. 2, and the smallest—12—in No. 15. Five schools have been taught throughout the year by natives of Chelsea.

The tax upon some of the teachers has been very great, and no remedy appears for this save that to which the town system looks of ultimate centralization and uniformity in grading. The instructor under the new regime is still practically in the same position as when controlled by the district, unless the more advanced pupils can be drawn into the academy. She is compelled to do the work of primary, intermediate and grammar grades to the detriment of her highest efficiency. Any one may readily see that if the teacher in any district were doing all primary or all intermediate or all grammar work, she could ~~not~~ do either more thoroughly than she can now do all together; and that so long as we compel her to do all at once, we must either secure high priced instructors and see them harassed and worn by the quantity and variety of teaching exacted from them, or allow the schools to remain unimproved. It is not to the purpose to argue as some do: "Our district school-house is large enough and comfortable enough to be

occupied by more than we now send." Two rooms are over full already. This, however, is not the congestion we wish to relieve, but the *crowding of time* with classes ranging from primary spelling to civil government and algebra. Schools of three or five pupils might be permitted such a diversity ; but to do justice to a school of 23 thus distributed is impossible, and none will affirm this more confidently than the teacher herself. When with the best arrangement of classes, the teacher is forced to shorten the noon-hour and forego her own recess, to finish her work, it is time for the parents to begin thinking how they can spare her strength and concentrate her teaching power.

Just here the attention of parents is called to the false economy of withdrawing the children from school for a week at a time, and subordinating their feelings, their ideas of punctuality and their progress to a sawing or threshing machine and its operations. Such breaks occur in almost every district, and the course of the machine through the neighbourhood may be traced in the marks upon the register. Here is a practice old and well intrenched that needs to be driven out of existence. The school record is no place for our wood account or our harvesting account. Strangers will one day pass judgment upon us to our shame for this. No pupil likes to fall behind his mates. No pupil should be burdened with extra work. It is presumed that for the average pupil the regular work is sufficient. No pupil ought to be allowed to think that school is a luxury to be enjoyed at intervals, but that it is an essential part of every session day throughout his student life,—as much a duty as his daily meal or his nightly rest. We do violence to correct ideas of order and system whenever we let anything but sickness or impassable roads interrupt a

child's school attendance. The indispensable condition for obtaining anything is continuous pursuit. This is true of an education. Punctual attendance puts the boy of ten beyond one of fifteen who has lost time. A little more planning at home and an exchange of work between adults will correct this evil.

Parental interest in school visiting is deficient throughout the town. When pupils do well they enjoy the witness of their parents, and when they are doing ill they need it. The teacher also is encouraged and aided by visits and mutual counsel. The good of the pupils demands like influences at home and at school. It is the purpose of the directors to place in the schools not only those who are apt to teach, but those who govern with tact. However good the home rule, hints on management may be obtained by observing the teacher's way; and child study, which is likely to become a new branch of instruction, can never be too exhaustively followed.

The infrequency of institutes and the occasional failure of the county examiner to inform the towns of their time and place, make it desirable that teachers should add to their pedagogical reading an acquaintance with the work of others, and they should be at liberty to take at least one day each term—the time of course to be made up—for visiting some well conducted school either at home or abroad. A monthly conference of all the teachers in town for an hour on Saturday may also be suggested as a means of growth and general improvement.

At some date in the year before us, to be fixed by the directors, the superintendent would recommend a convention of all the pupils, at which scholars from all districts may

share in general exercises, and the most excellent work of each school be presented in illustration of what all ought to attain. It is believed that the competition thus evoked will incite teacher and taught to loftier endeavor. Nor can there be a doubt that the fellowship thus fostered between the different sections of our community would weld our people together, and enable those who are soon to be possessors of freemen's rights and agents of town government, to form just estimates of each other's capacities and worth.

A hope was expressed in the last annual report that music might be added to the studies of each school, and furnish its enlivening power to the daily exercises. The addition of one teacher to the present force would afford an hour's tuition weekly in every district. The return would certainly counterbalance the outlay.

B. B. SHERMAN, *Town Sup't.*

BIRTHS.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan. 7.	Edith Sarah Burgess.	Elisha & Nellie A.
Feb. 13.	Herbert Franklin Comstock.	John M. & Persis D.
April 3.	Franklin Roy Titus.	Frank J. & Bessie J.
" 8.	Vernon Albert Birchmore.	Robert H. & Laura.
May 6.	Ola May Hood.	Forris E. & Nellie.
" 22.	Ralph Herbert Stanton.	Fred. H. & Bettie M
" 23.	Victor William Little.	Philip J. & Mary E.
Aug.	Earle Herbert Miles.	Herb't E. & Myrtie
" 7.	Bessie May Bemis.	Leon & Mary.
	. . . Robinson.	Dana & Agenis.
Sept.	. . . Hall.	Fred & Abbie.
" 9.	. . . Sleeper.	Leroy & Abbie.
Oct. 2.	Benj. Hackett Adams.	Benj. H. & Cora
" 6.	Shirley Camp.	Albert S. & Lillie.
Nov. 3.	Lillian Maud Davis.	Oscar F. & Nellie.

MARRIAGES.

Jan'y 2. Andrew Lyman Sprague, of Chelsea, and Mary Alice Flint, of Chelsea.

Jan'y 28. Emery Harry Achilles, of Chelsea, and Rosa Ann Flanders, of Chelsea.

March 1. John D. Lane, of No. Adams, Mass., and Eulie E. Dutton, of Chelsea.

March 30. Rufus Murdock, of Chelsea, and Annah Ingalls, of Lowell, Mass.

April 27. Henry Clark, of Chelsea, and Josie M. Hayward, of Chelsea.

May 30. Frank E. Larkins, of Chelsea, and Virginia M. Bugbee, of Chelsea.

Oct. 3. Will M. Cady, of Malone, N. Y., and Sarah S. Bugbee, of Chelsea.

Oct. 3. Charles F. Edwards, of Chelsea, and Katie Alice Barnes, of Chelsea.

Nov. 9. Sylvester T. Farrington, of Chelsea, and Henrietta C. Clark, of Chelsea.

Nov. 22. John A. Edwards, of Chelsea, and Lucy A. Hardy, of Chelsea.

Dec. 6. Charles P. Dickinson, of Chelsea, and May L. Goodrich, of Chelsea.

Dec. 21. Edgar Grosvenor, of Chelsea, and Rebecca L. Bennett, of Chelsea.

DEATHS.

DATE.	NAME.	YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Jan. 1.	Eunice Peck.	70	4	11
" 6.	Charlotte Emerson.	96	6	16
" 7.	Lillian E. Rich.	15	5	19
" 8.	Lyle Mabel Bohonon.	4	4	15
" 24.	Carrie Flavilla Chandler.	34	11	24
" 27.	Martha A. Perkins.	71	11	15
" 31.	Mattie E. Dickinson.	28	2	15
Feb. 3.	Adeline Electa Goodwin.	68	7	20
" 12.	Willard D. Grant.	39	3	21
" 13.	Charles Densmore.	72	4	
Mar. 3.	Stephen Boardman Rolfe.	58	4	
" 26.	Maria R. Coburn.	77		22
Apr 11.	Carrie E. Robbins.	35	2	7
" 20.	Gilman Samuel Thorne.	73	11	6
" 14.	Sylvia King.			
" 15.	Jasper Ladd.	86		
" 24.	Almira L. Bickford.	70	7	10
May 3.	Josiah Green Minard.	74	11	15
" 23.	Sylvanus H. Hibbard.	72		
" 31.	Minerva Churchill.	79	11	16
June 10.	Jacob Farwell.	74	10	
" 15.	Seth Moxley.	91	2	28
" 21.	Fanny Hale.	60	8	3
" 28.	Hial Thompson.	74	9	4

DATE.	NAME.	YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
July 13.	John N. Jones.	75	1	5
" 20.	Flavilla B. Andrus.	69	7	29
" 24.	Azro Adams.	71	5	15
" 26.	Sarah P. Bacon.	53	11	26
Aug. 2.	Cornelius W. Clark.	69	9	15
Sep. 14.	Mary Birchmore.	93	7	4
" 20.	William C. Goodwin.	66	2	15
Oct. 4.	Harry Storrs Flint.		6	27
Nov. 1.	Carlo Titus.	67	1	26
Dec. 9.	Charles F. Edwards.	24		1
" 25.	Maria R. Coburn.	63		
" 31.	John Stanton.	54	1	21

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Town Meeting Warning.

The legal voters of the town of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, in Chelsea, on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 1895, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz:

1. To choose a moderator.
2. To choose a town clerk.
3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several town officers.
4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
5. To raise money to pay the indebtedness of the town, and to defray the exp nses for the ensuing year.
6. To see if the town will vote to put its tax-bills into the town treasurer's hands for collection, in accordance with the law relating thereto.
7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the support of the public library.
8. To see if the town will place Highland cemetery, and the old cemetery, so called, in Chelsea village, under the charge of cemetery commissioners, and to elect the same.
9. To transact any other proper business.

C. P. DICKINSON,
M. C. ALLEN,
H. S ANNIS,
} Selectmen of Chelsea.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 21, 1895.

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Town Officers for the Year 1894-95.

Moderator,	J. M. COMSTOCK
Clerk,	C. S. EMERY
Selectmen,	C. P. DICKINSON M. C. ALLEN H. S. ANNIS
Treasurer,	J. B. BACON
Overseer of Poor,	A. W. WHITNEY
First Constable,	ALONZO NOYES
Road Commissioner,	W. M. MATTOON
Collector of Taxes,	W. P. TOWNSEND
Listers,	J. M. FLINT E. N. BACON E. W. HOOD
Auditors,	W. S. HATCH, W. P. TOWNSEND J. A. R. CORWIN
Trustee of Public Money,	J. B. BACON
School Directors, Two years,	J. M. COMSTOCK
School Directors, One year,	H. L. BIXBY
School Directors, Three years,	E. N. BACON
Town Superintendent,	B. B. SHERMAN
Clerk,	W. P. TOWNSEND
Trustees Public Library, Five years,	H. L. BIXBY
Trustees Public Library, Four years,	J. M. COMSTOCK
Trustees Public Library, Three years,	B B. SHERMAN
Trustees Public Library, Two years,	G. L. STOW
Trustees Public Library, One year,	J. B. BACON
Town Grand Juror,	E. O. TRACY
Fence Viewers,	SELECTMEN
Inspector of Leather,	IRA THOMPSON
Inspector of Lumber & Shingles,	FRANK BECKWITH
Pound Keeper,	EDWIN SANBORN
Town Agent,	C. S. EMERY

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN

—BY—

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

1	W M Mattoon,	labor on highway	$19 50
2	Henry Clarke,	do	19 50
3	W M Mattoon,	to pay highway bills	50 00
4	L A Burbank,	labor on highway	5 00
5	C M Hunt,	do	4 62
6	Geo M Young,	do	3 61
7	J M Grant,	do	21 84
8	Gilbert B Lane,	do	6 00
9	L H Bohonon,	do	10 65
10	W C H Wallace,	do	9 25
11	Houston Fitts,	do	7 75
12	T J Doyle,	do	7 63
13	A H Denison,	do	7 18
14	M E Camp,	do	4 25
15	C C Scales,	do	8 00
16	John N Sanborn,	do	4 75
17	C A Bacon,	do	23 00
18	Benson Sanborn,	do	5 25
19	W C Goss,	do	2 25
20	W A Kenison,	do	9 00
21	C F Moulton,	do	6 07
22	Joseph McConnell,	do	5 84
23	Charles Blaisdell,	do	16 30
24	Samuel Beckwith,	do	3 62
25	F E Hood,	do	16 50
26	Lyman Denison,	do	3 00
27	C P Dickinson,	bill of C W Hopkins	3 00

28	George B Colby,	labor on highway	$7 56
29	John A Tracy,	do	5 00
30	W M Mattoon,	check to Geo H Manchester	14 70
31	W M Mattoon,	labor on highway	70 85
32	Edwin E Stone,	do	4 88
33	W H Luce,	do	14 10
34	Albert P Flanders,	do	3 00
35	F E Hood,	do	13 20
36	Geo A Lincoln,	do	3 75
37	M O Coburn,	do	19 20
38	Geo F Reed,	do	2 60
39	Frank Gilman,	do	1 50
40	W A Kenison,	do	22 73
41	J B Cosgrove,	do	20 87
42	W H Luce,	do	11 78
43	Levi Pierce,	do	3 00
44	C W L Jones,	do	1 50
45	W M Mattoon,	do	99 00
46	W A Kenison,	do	6 00
47	W H Luce,	do	10 50
48	John C Royce,	building fence by roadside	2 00
49	M O Coburn,	labor on highway	21 22
50	F E Hood,	do	28 28
51	W H Luce,	do	9 00
52	W A Kenison,	do	13 50
53	W H Luce,	do	8 70
54	J D Ballou,	do	10 50
55	W H Luce,	do	8 48
56	M O Coburn,	do	22 20
57	F E Hood,	do	21 22
58	R W Laird,	do	3 79
59	W H Luce,	do	8 55
60	James B Smith,	do	12 45
61	Richard Kennedy,	do	24 50
62	W A Kenison,	do	15 75
63	Fred Bohonon,	do	13 35
64	W H Luce,	do	8 25

65	James B Smith,	labor on highway	$9 75
66	W A Kenison,	do	22 80
67	W M Mattoon,	do	157 75
68	M O Coburn,	do	18 15
69	C M Hunt,	do	2 40
70	Philip J Little,	logs for sluice	1 75
71	Geo F Fulsom,	labor on highway	30 00
72	J H Griffin,	do	9 05
73	W A Kenison,	do	6 15
74	W M Mattoon,	check to Geo H Manchester,	2 51
75	W H Luce,	labor on highway	7 50
76	W A Kenison,	do	7 50
77	M O Coburn,	do	19 95
78	James B Smith,	do	13 50
79	W H Luce,	do	9 14
80	L L Pierce,	do	4 50
81	W H Luce,	do	9 52
82	James B Smith,	do	8 85
83	A B Wright,	do	17 03
84	Geo Dickerman,	do	4 87
85	M O Coburn,	do	16 28
86	C O Burnham,	do	16 65
87	W M Mattoon,	do	47 20
88	W H Luce,	do	9 00
89	T J Doyle,	do	3 00
90	Houston Fitts,	do	3 00
91	W H Luce,	do	10 05
92	James B Smith,	do	10 50
93	W A Kenison,	do	12 00
94	W H Luce,	do	9 00
95	James B Smith,	do	9 00
96	M O Coburn,	do	25 27
97	W A Kenison,	do	6 00
98	W H Luce,	do	7 27
99	James B Smith,	do	11 77
100	W H Luce,	do	9 75
101	W M Mattoon,	do	52 45

102	James B Smith,	labor on highway	$9 00
103	C A Luce,	do	4 40
104	Clinton L Buzzell,	do	9 55
105	W H Luce,	do	7 50
106	M O Coburn,	do	18 75
107	Fred H Fulsom,	do	4 34
108	W A Kenison,	do	12 67
109	E N Bacon,	do	2 30
110	E G Thorne,	do	4 10
111	P L Sargent,	do	6 00
112	L H Bohonon,	do	2 00
113	C W Lyon,	do	2 00
114	James B Smith,	do	10 20
115	W A Kenison,	do	10 80
116	Walter Carpenter,	do	10 75
117	W M Mattoon,	do	27 50
118	Frank Gilman,	do	4 05
119	James B Smith,	do	9 22
120	W A Kenison,	do	7 87
121	M O Coburn,	do	18 30
122	Warren Stearns,	do	6 69
123	E Grosvenor, one log for sluice		1 00
124	W A Kenison, labor on highway		6 95
125	A I Dexter, one water trough		2 00
126	W M Mattoon,	labor on highway	85 18
127	Benson Sanborn,	do	6 00
128	H L Bixby,	do	6 40
129	P J Little, lumber for sluice		4 50
130	E G Brown,	labor on highway	22 02
131	Edson Titus,	do	5 25
132	Will H Titus,	do	1 50
133	Gilman Sanborn,	do	4 50
134	Gilman Sanborn,	do	3 00
135	W H Bugbee,	do	7 50
136	C P Abbott,	do	1 00
137	James B Smith,	do	3 70
138	A Barnes,	do	2 88

139	Edwin E Stone, labor on highway	$1 65
140	W A Kenison, powder and use of drills	3 00
141	F M Perkins; labor and dirt to rep. highway	5 13
142	C P Dickinson, order book for road com.	50
143	W M Mattoon, labor on highway	25 05
144	Willis Scales, do	7 25
145	W M Mattoon, check to Geo H Manchester,	10 72
146	W H Hill, sharpening drills	1 25
147	Geo W Taplin, cutting bushes	6 00
148	A E Hopkins, damage to mowing	2 50
149	Geo Goodrich, dirt to repair highway	5 00
150	Timothy Sullivan, rep. road mach. & tools,	11 60
151	W F Dewey, labor on highway	9 97
152	E O Tracy, bill of Jan. 24, 1895	22 99
153	H S Annis, labor on highway	2 46
154	Fred Fulsom, for W E Bacon	3 56
155	C C Scales, labor on highway	5 25
156	W M Mattoon, do	175 65

Amount of orders drawn		$2,122 58
Error in drawing orders	$46 99	
Returned to selectmen of or. No. 3,	45 12—	92 11
		$2,030 47
Paid on M O Gates' account for breaking roads in 1883–4		346 16
		$1,684 31

Amount expended on highways	$2,030 47
" " bridges	851 22
" " sidewalks	78 10
	$2 959 79.

DIVISION OF PARSONAGE MONEY.

Paid Congregational society	$19 50	
Methodist society	19 50	
" society, West Hill	19 50	
		$58 50

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Liquor on hand, Feb. 1st, 1895	$498 18	
Cash received for sale of liquor	1038 58	
		$1536 76
Liquor on hand, Feb. 1st, 1894	$371 20	
Paid for liquor including freight	927 88	
U. S. license	25 00	
Agent's salary	100 00	
		1424 08
Net profit		$112 68

CEMETERY REPORT.

Old Cemetery.

Paid Henry Bryant for mowing	$3 00

Highland Cemetery.

Due from town, Feb. 11th, 1894		$1010 48	
Interest on same		25 17	
Cash from L D Humphrey, for lot	295,	12 00	
Susan Stanton, "		12 00	
H C Birchmore, "	166,	12 00	
A E Mills, "	180–1–2,	25 00	
Wilmarth Luce, "	161,	12 00	
P W Rogers, "	12,	12 00	
Smith Taylor, "	137,	12 00	
H A Magoon, "		12 00	
Maud Merrill, "	324,	12 00	
W P Townsend, for grass		3 50	
			$1160 15

CREDIT.

Paid E B Dickinson, agent, trees	$14 75		
W H Luce, work	6 90		
E M Smith, "	3 90		
W A Kenison, "	11 15		
F E Hood, "	7 50		
Nelson Hood, "	2 40		
A F Tracy, "	5 00		
C M Hall, "	4 35		
E B Dickinson, "	2 85		
J M Sanford, "	3 00		
F E Bixby, "	75 00		
F E Bixby, "	32 00		
C H Bigelow, "	18 00		
Geo F D French, "	43 05		
W M Mattoon, "	25 30		
Geo H Manchester, tile	17 54		
Edward Foster, cement	2 00		
N S Bixby, work	15 75		
L L Pierce, "	2 50		
W A Densmore, "	10 20		
Geo F D French, "	5 55		
M O Coburn, "	6 60		
E O Tracy, "	8 84		
W H Hill, "	1 95		
		$325 68	
Due from town			$834 47

ASSETS.

Due for lots sold and unpaid :

Olivia B Paine	$12 00	
M V B Davis	12 00	
John N Sanborn	12 00	
Geo K Bixby	12 00	
L D Parkhurst	7 00	
Due from Richard Smith, for grass	6 25	$61 25
		$895 72

CEMETERY NEAR WEST HILL MEETING HOUSE.

Cash from Mrs C F Edwards, for one lot		$5 00
" Irvin Bowen, "		5 00
		$10 00
Paid Stevens Avery, as per contract	$10 00	

FUND.

Money left by Mrs. Sarah Grow, the income to be used to keep her lot in repair in Highland Cemetery, and two other lots in the old cemetery, as per her will recorded in the town clerk's office, May 20th, 1889.

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Cash in selectmen's hands, Feb'y, 1894	$6 50	
Income on fund	4 00	
Div. on one share stock in First Nat. Bank,	5 00	
		$15 50

DR.

Paid N S Bixby, work on lot	$3 00	
town of Chelsea towards the amount paid by town for bank share	9 00	
		12 00
		$3 50

There is due the town at this time, $6.00.

Town Clerk's Report—Dog Licenses, 1894-5

86 dogs licensed at $1	$86 00	
2 " 2	4 00	
4 " 4	16 00	
		$106 00
Fees retained on 92 licenses issued		9 20
Cash paid into town treasury		$96 80

Damage done by dogs—Houston Fitts, $12; Wm Robbins, $3; A F Morey, $2.

OVERSEER OF POOR'S REPORT.

REPORT OF TOWN FARM,—Arthur E. Bacon, Supt.

DR.

Paid J B Bacon, town tax	$10	21
C S Emery, insurance tax	7	19
Selectmen, rent on lease land	12	04
Willis Scales, phosphate	14	65
G L Hayward, threshing and two pigs,	11	00
H O Bixby, papers and box rent	1	90
A F Morey, use of bull		50
F I Whitney, expense of taking Mary Folsom to asylum	10	80
Money expended by superintendent	9	65
G L Hayward, hay	16	00
Mary Dunbar, cow	10	00
Dr S N Goss, med. atten. and med.	30	00
Dr F H Godfrey, ex. of Mary Folsom,	2	00
Lewis Cota, sawing	7	50
E O Tracy's bill	21	46
A R Hood & Son's bill	26	78
C P Abbott's bill	1	00
Wm H Hill's bill	2	45
Tim Sullivan's bill	4	15
L N Lucas' bill		75
L L Sleeper's bill	15	78
H A Sargent's bill	6	10
R W Allen's bill	4	33
W S Hatch's bill	10	17
S F Farrington's bill	9	90
L C & F F Beckwith's bill	25	00
B Berry's bill	5	02
C P Dickinson's bill	31	84
A H Power's bill	15	80
J A R Corwin's bill	52	75

Paid O C Creamery, two cans	$5 80	
Orange Densmore's bill	2 65	
Arthur Bacon, services of self and wife at Town Farm	225 00	
Due Arthur Bacon, April 1, 1895, services	50 00	
		$610 17

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, TOOLS, PROVISIONS, ETC., FEB. 1.

3	cows,	$75 00	
1	yoke cattle,	100 00	
28	sheep,	70 00	
1	7-yrs old mare,	100 00	
1	6-yrs old mare	100 00	
1	3-yrs old colt	50 00	
2	shotes	10 00	
15	hens	7 50	
14½	tons hay	145 00	
1½	tons straw	7 50	
71	bushels oats	35 50	
10	bushels india wheat,	4 50	
21	bushels corn	14 70	
60	bushels potatoes	21 00	
3	bushels beans	6 00	
2½	bushels peas	5 00	
300	lbs salt pork	36 00	
200	lbs fresh meat	20 00	
50	lbs sausage	5 00	
60	lbs lard	7 20	
25	lbs butter	5 00	
175	lbs maple sugar	8 75	
1	bbl vinegar	4 00	
	pickles	2 00	
1	cask cider	3 00	
6	gallons boiled cider,	3 00	
27	lbs dried apple	1 35	
	wool	17 25	
3	lbs tea	1 50	
1½	bushels salt	90	
	fine salt	45	
1½	bbl flour	$6 00	
100	lbs cottonseed meal,	1 25	
2	bbls soap	6 00	
12	yds cotton cloth	96	
45	cords stove wood	130 00	
100	ft bass lumber	1 00	
	hemlock lumber	55 00	
	sled, cart & har. lum	4 00	
4	sled tongues	2 00	
2	ox carts	20 00	
2	wagons	65 00	
1	sleigh	7 00	
2	ox sleds	8 00	
1	bob sled	1 00	
3	harnesses	20 00	
1	pair pole straps	1 50	
2	yokes	5 00	
3	ladders	5 00	
1	plow	6 00	
1	harrow	2 00	
1	harrow	27 00	
1	cultivator	2 00	
1	wheelbarrow	3 00	
1	mowing machine	35 00	
1	horse rake	20 00	
1	garden rake	25	
1	scythe and 2 snaths,	1 00	
1	grindstone	3 00	
1	stone drag	1 50	
1	spade	40	
1	manure hook	50	

3 shovels	$1 00
3 manure forks	1 50
3 hay forks	75
4 hoes	50
200 tin sap buckets	35 00
3 sap pans	3 00
1 sugaring-off pan	3 50
2 sap pails	2 00
1 draw tub	5 00
1 holder	2 00
2 milk cans	5 00
1 cauldron kettle	2 00
3 logging chains	2 00
1 trace chain	50
4 halters	2 00
2 horse blankets	2 00
3 cider barrels	3 00
1 bushel basket	50
2 half-bush. measures,	75
11 meal bags	1 00
1 robe	8 00
3 axes	1 50
1 vise	$1 00
1 beetle and 4 wedges,	1 50
1 cross-cut saw	1 25
3 saws	1 50
1 key-hole saw	30
2 wood saws	75
auger, chisel & bits.	2 85
1 steel square	1 50
1 draw knife	75
1 block plane	50
1 fore plane	75
1 jointer	1 00
2 hammers	50
1 try square	35
dividers, chalk line and brushes	50
1 force pump	1 00
1 sprinkler	50
2 monkey wrenches	75
2 prs sheep shears	1 00
2 hand rakes	50
5 gals kerosene oil	60
	$1409 31

PRODUCE SOLD FROM THE TOWN FARM.

Wool	$22 27
Horse	65 00
Beans	16 84
Lambs	10 50
Calves	14 04
Corn	5 25
Oats	23 08
Beef and pork	30 86
Wood	$5 00
Straw	5 00
Lumber	30 00
Hide and sheep's pelt	1 60
Butter	17 27
Potatoes	1 25
Keeping Dunbar cattle	8 75
Maple sugar	2 25
	$258 96

Statement of Town Farm Account.

DR.

To stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1894	$1536 67	
interest on surplus money	88 32	
cash as paid as per this report	610 17	
due Arthur Bacon, April 1, 1895	50 00	
		$2285 16

CR.

By stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1895	$1409 31	
cash received for produce sold	258 96	
		1668 27
Expense		$616 89

Poor away from Poor House.

The amount expended under this head has been paid as follows:

Ira Underhill:		
Paid O P Bacon, board and care		$22 00
Mary Heath:		
Paid Fred W Smith, wood	$10 00	
A A Abbott, wood	8 00	18 00
Roxa Rolfe:		
Paid J G Rolfe, board and care		22 50
Joseph Landon:		
Paid Sarah M Mattoon, rent	$6 00	
F Bohonon, meat	5 06	
J A R Corwin, goods	4 29	
A H Powers, flour	3 65	19 00
Mrs John Royce:		
Paid H W Dearborn, casket and robe,		16 00
Carrie Magoon:		
Paid C A Bacon, board and care		13 00

Albert Thompson :

Paid E D Barnes, board and care	$35 23	
J F Tucker, care	12 00	
	$47 23	
Cr. by cash $47 23		

Tramps :

Paid F I Whitney, board	$7 35
Total cost of poor away from Poor Farm	$117 85

RECAPITULATION OF THE COST OF SUPPORT OF POOR.

Total cost of Poor Farm	$616 89	
Total cost of poor away from Poor Farm,	117 85	
Total expense of poor		$734 74

Expense of poor less than last year, $203.22.

INVOICE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS AT THE POOR FARM, FEBRUARY 1, 1895.

8 straw beds
8 feather beds
18 pillows
8 bedsteads
27 sheets
12 bedquilts
4 flannel bed blankets
6 table covers
4 tables
2 light stands
3 bureaus
3 chests
2 looking glasses
1 clock
3 kerosene lamps
2 lanterns
1 incomplete set of crockery
1 " " knives & forks
6 rocking chairs
10 dining chairs
6 kitchen chairs
1 cookstove and pipe
5 box stoves
1 washing machine
2 shovels and tongs
2 glass jars
2 milk pails
12 milk pans
2 water pails
1 dasher churn
1 crank churn
3 wash tubs

1 wash board
1 tea kettle
2 tea pots
1 coffee pot
1 tin can
7 square baking pans
1 two-quart pail
2 two-quart dishes
1 sap dipper
3 three-pint dishes
4 pint dishes
1 butter worker
1 milk strainer
4 butcher knives
5 wash dishes
16 towels
6 dish wipers
4 flat irons
2 meat barrels
1 chopping knife
1 tunnel
1 paring machine
2 dish pans
1 stew pan
1 porcelain kettle
1 lard kettle
2 iron kettles
2 brass kettles
2 two-quart dippers
2 one-quart dippers
1 five-quart kerosene can
1 two-quart "
1 ash pail
2 tin covers
3 one-gallon jugs
1 four-gallon jug
1 doz knives and forks
1 doz teaspoons
3 dessert spoons
1 set of crockery
1 four-gallon stone jar
1 two- " "
1 wooden butter bowl
1 chopping tray
1 iron dinner pot
2 pairs steelyards
1 egg beater
1 bean pot
2 skimmers
1 large spoon

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN BY OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

J G Rolfe, board and care of Roxa Rolfe from Nov. 17, 1893, to March 10, 1894	$8 00
O P Bacon, board of Ira Underhill from Jan. 25 to Mar. 18, '94	22 00
Geo L Hayward, hay for Town Farm	16 00
Mrs C A Bacon, board and care of Carrie Magoon from Dec. 30, 1893, to April 1, 1894	13 00
J F Tucker, care of Albert Thompson	12 00
J G Rolfe, board and care of Roxa Rolfe from March 10 to June 9	6 50
J G Rolfe, care of Roxa Rolfe	8 00

L L Sleeper, flour and feed	$15 78
E D Barnes, board and care of Albert Thompson	35 23
H W Dearborn, casket and robe for Mrs John Royce	16 00
A E Bacon, services on Town Farm	130 00
W P Townsend, taxes on '94 list	10 21
Fred W Smith, wood for Mary Heath	10 00
Willis Scales, phosphate	14 65
F I Whitney, keeping tramps	7 35
A E Bacon, services on Town Farm	95 00
A W Whitney, money expended as per bills	308 30

Report of Trustees of Public Library.

During the year there have been but few additions to the library by purchase, as the town failed to make any appropriation at the last annual meeting. A large donation of books has been received from Mr Alden Speare, a valuable set of official records of the Civil War from Senator Redfield Proctor, a number of bound magazines from Miss Caroline D. Jones of Oakland, Cal., and smaller gifts from other individuals. Mr. Perley Chandler of Barre presented the beautiful clock which is placed on the wall of the new library room, and the stove in the same room was provided without expense to the town. The citizens should remember that the service of the librarians has been and still is entirely gratuitous. A bill of $10 for fuel is the only one remaining unpaid. We would urge upon the town an appropriation of at least $50 for running expenses and purchase of books for the year ensuing. We give below a statement of receipts and expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year	$14 27	
From fines collected in nearly two years	14 69	
From sale of catalogues	3 40	
From subscriptions	9 47	$41 83

EXPENDITURES.

For books	$16 95	
For freight and express	2 47	
For binding	5 40	
For curtains for library rooms	12 15	
For insurance	2 80	
For incidentals	2 75	42 52
Leaving a balance due the treasurer of		.69

J B BACON,
J M COMSTOCK,
B B SHERMAN, } Trustees.
G L STOW,
H L BIXBY,

PUBLIC BUILDING.

The committee intrusted with the erection of a Town Hall and Public Library, have acted under certain well defined instructions contained in the Town Clerk's records. These demanded no independent responsibility beyond the conclusion of a building contract, the superintendence of the work whilo in progress, and the payment of the cost of construction on the basis of their agreement when the work was completed and formally approved. A partial statement was submitted last year, and included in the printed report. Two statements are now presented. The former deals with those moneys which have actually passed through the hands of the committee during the last fiscal year. The latter indicates the cost of plan, situation and construction so far as the committee felt justified in going.

RECEIPTS. 1894			EXPENDITURES.	
From Hon Alden Speare,		$6350.00	P'd contractor in full..	$10,682.42
town of Chelsea:			complet'n of library,	75.77
Order 182,	$3.50		M S Merrill.....	3.50
187,	10.00		R Murdock	10.00
260–267,	4000.00		Expense of com ...	10.00
278,	500.00		Balance: cash in hand..	81.81
		4513.50		
		$10,863.50		$10,863.50

BUILDING COMMITTEE,

In Acc't with TOWN OF CHELSEA:

ASSETS.

Cash of Hon Alden Speare.....	$6650 00	
" other donors.....	550 00	
Town orders drawn since March, 1894, Nos, 182, 187, 260–267, 278.....	4513 50	
Balance of town appropriation	486 50	
Cash from sale of Tracy lot	400 00	

LIABILITIES.

Paid architect's charges.....	$290 00
for building site	1745 00
T W Rogers, contractor, in full	10682 42
M S Merrill, services	3 50
R Murdock, excavation	10 00

Completion of Library as follows:			
Lumber of Whitneys, Skillings & Barnes,	$25 75		
Freight	3 60		
Supplies	3 51		
W E Jackson, labor and stock	38 41		
C Godfrey, labor	4 50		75 77
Paid total expense of building committee from commencement			36 65
Balance: of which cash in hand	$81 81		
Actual excess of appropriation	161 53	243 34	
		$12,843 34	$12,843 34

Cost of Finishing, Grading and Furnishing.

Paid J O Perkins, work	$2 25
National Bank, lumber	9 14
Geo F D French, work	18 17
Fred M Davis, do	3 75
H A Magoon, do	8 55
W E Jackson, do	2 25
C M Hall, do	3 00
Henry Clark, drawing dirt	19 50
C D Abbott, work	1 25
J A R Corwin, phosphate	4 25
C E Godfrey, work and lumber	18 10
W S Hatch, paint	2 45
W H Hill, iron work	2 25
H A Rogers & Son, heaters	350 00
John Robbins Mfg Co. checks	7 20
Window shades for hall and town clerk's office,	33 29
Andrews-Demorest Seating Co	250 00
Norcross, Mellen & Co, lamps	76 62
H W Dearborn, repairing chairs	11 00
Barnes & Townsend, dirt, stone and brick	15 00
E O Tracy, goods furnished	4 86
F M Perkins, work	3 00
A F Tracy, work	10 75
Thos W Rogers, building chimney and work	74 70
Express and freight	7 35
A W Chandler, work	1 50
J A Stanley, brick	4 90
G L Stow, brick	5 00

Recapitulation of the Cost of Town Hall and Library.

As by building committee's report	$12,843 34	
To cost of town storage house	247 45	
finishing town hall	209 76	
furnishing town hall	740 32	
		$14,040 87
By cash of Hon Alden Speare	$6650 00	
other donors	550 90	
sale of Tracy lot	400 00	
town appropriation	5000 00	
		12,600 00
		$1,440 87
Less cash in committee's hands		81 81
Excess of appropriation		$1,359 06

ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN.

Selectmen of Washington, check apportionate of school money in district 5-15	$ 57 89
E A Corwin, services as town clerk past year	35 78
H W Spear, part payment for bridge plank	25 00
Willard Hatch, services as auditor past year	5 00
C P Dickinson, services as selectman past year	50 00
Selectmen, services in measuring roads and pricing school houses	18 00
Check to D T Mills & Co., liquors	108 96
John M Comstock, services as school director past year	10 00
Wm Robbins, services as selectman past year	25 00
W P Townsend, services as auditor	5 00
B B Sherman, services as supt. of schools past year	56 00
J A R Corwin, services as auditor past year	5 00
J M Flint, services as lister 1893	25 00
Franklin Dearborn, services as school director 1893	10 00
J B Bacon, services as town treasurer past year	10 00
M C Allen, services as lister past year	22 50
A W Whitney, services as overseer of poor past year	50 00
E W Hood, services as lister past year	24 75

A L Sprague, parsonage money M E church, West Hill....	$19 50
W P Townsend, taking census of 308 school children at 4c. each.....	12 32
C P Dickinson, check to W A Smith, printing town reports past year.....	54 72
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquors.....	155 92
Ellen S Cooley, principal and interest of order 132	259 79
Horace Moxley, services as selectman past year...	7 00
W P Townsend, error in E J Caswell's tax.....	7 25
H L Bixby, services as school director past year.....	1 80
Fred W Smith, 2649 feet plank.....	26 49
Fred W Smith, 884 feet plank.....	8 84
H W Spear, 1247 feet plank	12 47
A E Bacon, balance due services on town farm past year . .	100 00
H W Dearborn, parsonage money due M E church	19 50
S M Keyes, care of sidewalk past winter.....	4 00
W F Hood, payment and interest of order No. 121	477 75
A F Morey, 2486 feet plank.....	24 86
L H Bohonon, 85 feet timber	5 18
B B Sherman, public building.....	3 50
Sarah C Patterson, interest to Feb. 12, 1894, on orders No. 534, 544, 556.....	228 78
E B Dickinson, trees for Highland cemetery	14 75
H S Annis, work and money on bridge—E N Bacon's	18 00
Wilmouth H Luce, work in Highland cemetery.	6 90
Ellis F Bohonon, damage to wagon on Fred Bohonon bridge	3 15
B B Sherman, to apply on public building.....	10 00
E M Smith, work in Highland cemetery.....	3 50
W H Button, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness.....	625 00
W A Kenerson, work and powder furnished in Highland cemetery.....	11 15
C P Dickinson, check to G W Waterman, 30 cedar posts....	3 60
F E Hood, work in Highland cemetery.	7 50
N J Hood, work in Highland cemetery	2 40
J M Comstock, book for Perley Rogers' son.....	96
Warren Stearns, work on Burgess bridge....	30 00
Richard Kennedy, work on bridges near J Griffiin's and M Dunham's	32 00
Richard Kennedy, work on bridge near S Craft's	19 00
Clara J Laird, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness	100 00
Jane Laird, money borrowed to pay town indebtednes	200 00
H S Annis, work on bridge near Mrs Grant's.....	9 50

C M Hall, work on sidewalk and common	$10 50
F E Bixby, work on sidewalk	12 00
H S Annis, work on nine bridges	10 00
Horace Moxley, building new bridge near H Moxley's	20 00
J B Bacon, one-third of whole state tax	235 13
Geo F D French, work on sidewalk and boards furnished town	6 25
W C Goss, work on bridges near M C Allen's and Chas Moulton's	6 87
Katie Laird, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness	300 00
E Dickerman, work on bridges near A Hood's and Geo Goodrich's	60 00
Geo W Taplin, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness	100 00
Laura R. Fuller, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness	100 00
F W Russell, work on bridge near M C Allen's	10 00
F W Russell, work for town	5 00
W A Reed, work on bridges near M C Allen's	10 50
L H Bohonon, work and plank furnished on Bohonon bridge	16 79
J S Benham, agent, check Reuben Ring & Co., and D F Mills & Co., liquors	118 40
E A George, work on bridge near M C Allen's	3 75
C P Dickinson, check to R E Deits & Co., street lamp	5 30
C P Dickinson, check to Walworth Mfg. Co., iron pipe	13 73
Amos B Wright, work on Tracy bridge	4 50
C P Dickinson, check to Climax Road Machine Co	8 50
L N Lucus, damage in crossing mowing	5 00
Geo Goodrich, work and lumber furnished for bridges near house	33 82
C P Dickinson, check to A L Weeks, internal revenue tax	25 00
Alpheus Hood, work on bridges near M C Allen's	4 50
Henry Bryant, cutting grass in old cemetery	3 00
John B Bacon, state school tax, 1894	235 14
John B Bacon, state highway tax, 1894	235 14
W C Goss, work on bridges near M C Allen's	9 50
Houston Fitz, work for self and team, and material furnished on bridges near M C Allen's	22 75
H S Annis, work and money paid out on bridges near C W Bixby's and M C Allen's	24 25
D B Giles, 2073 feet plank	20 73
H W Dearborn, work on Buck bridge	22 00
F H Tracy, work and lumber furnished town	4 00
W A Densmore, work with team on sidewalk	3 60

Caroline M Hyde, part payment on order No. 60	$50 00
J N Sanborn, 300 feet plank and work on bridge near Sanborn's	3 50
F E Hood, work on sewer	5 25
F I Whitney, taking John Purchase to Brattleboro Asylum	6 67
Allison F Hood, work on bridges near M C Allen's	4 88
L L Pierce, building bridge near T Moore's	22 50
L L Pierce, work on bridge and sidewalk	28 50
C S Emery, one derrick	50 00
F H Stanton, drawing derrick	3 50
C P Dickinson, check to J F Davis for ropes, block, etc	25 00
Ellen K Taplin, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness	100 00
L H Bohonon, stringers for hotel bridge	20 00
B B Sherman, for public building	4000 00
Frank Russell, work on Tracy and hotel bridges	24 00
C S Emery, work on town tax and check list	13 15
H O Bixby, ballots, cards of instruction and postal cards to taxpayers	18 10
National Bank of Orange Co., money hired to pay town indebtedness	500 00
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L L Pierce, work on Tracy and hotel bridges	16 95
F H Stanton, drawing tiling from So. Royalton	3 00
Charles Moulton, work on bridges near C M Allen's	3 30
T J Doyle, work on hotel bridge	9 00
F E Bixby, work with team	22 50
Lyman Porter, work on bridge near Fred Bohonon's	19 60
A F Tracy, laying tyling in Highland cemetery	5 00
H S Annis, repairs on eight bridges	11 00

D D Giles, 1034 feet plank	$10 34
B B Sherman, public building	500 00
F E Hood, work on Tracy bridge	5 85
A W Chandler, work grading	1 50
Thomas Rogers, labor and material furnished for town hall	74 70
J A Stanley, 490 brick	4 90
J O Perkins, work grading	2 25
First National Bank, lumber	9 14
C M Hall, work on sewer	1 50
F E Hood, one cord wood, town hall	5 00
Geo F D French, work on sluice, Tracy bridge and town hall	30 62
C P Dickinson, check to H A Rogers & Son, heaters for hall	350 00
Fred M Davis, work at town hall	3 75
Dennis D Giles, 796 feet plank	7 96
W A Hood, work done on bridge	1 90
H A Magoon, work grading at town hall	8 55
D T Mills & Co., alcohol	116 45
W E Jackson, work on town hall	2 25
M E Camp, work and lumber on bridge near Milo E Camp's	6 52
Caroline M Hyde, interest to date and part payment of order No. 60	62 02
W A Densmore, work on sidewalk	3 00
C M Hall, work at town hall	3 00
John M Comstock, county tax for 1894	47 03
Wm Robbins, one sheep killed by dogs	3 00
M C Allen, work and material furnished for bridges	38 50
Houston Fitts, six sheep killed by dogs	12 00
Charles J Cosgrove, bridge stringers	9 50
C N Dearborn, railing on hotel bridge	8 00
Henry Clark, work with team	25 25
C P Dickinson, check for John Robbins Mfg. Co., checks	7 20
C S Emery, insurance on town hall and library	36 00
C P Dickinson, check to M W Wheelock, books	3 10
C P Dickinson, check to Holland & Daniels, shades for town hall	18 29
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquors	66 49
C P Dickinson, check to G H Manchester, tiling	52 55
C P Dickinson, check to C D Abbott, work on town hall	1 25
W P Townsend, error in D D Willis' est. tax	1 90
J A R Corwin, phosphate for town	5 12
C S Emery, attorney for E H Kennedy, work on bridge near L N Lucas'	70 00

N C Burbank, work and plank furnished on bridge near house	$1 00
A H Powers, parsonage money due Congregational church...	19 50
F T Beckwith, lumber	26 78
C P Dickinson, check to Edward Foster, coal for town hall..	30 73
Lyman Porter, 234 feet spruce, hotel bridge	3 51
A F Morey, sheep killed by dogs	2 00
E D Barnes, use of hall and entertainment	25 00
Alonzo Noyes, freight on chairs, hall	29 92
A F Tracy, care of town clock	20 00
M O Coburn, work on bridges	5 60
J M Grant, breaking roads in 1893	5 25
Alvah Carpenter, damage to mowing	1 00
C P Dickinson, check to Andrews-Demorest Seating Co., chairs for town hall	224 08
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquors	161 29
C P Dickinson, check to H A Blanchard & Co., liquors	68 40
F H Stanton, drawing coal for town hall	9 78
C E Godfrey, work and lumber for hall	18 10
A B Bicknell, selectman, apportionment of school money due dist. 11, Tunbridge	1 87
C P Dickinson, check to Norcross, Mellen & Co., lamps for hall	71 62
H W Dearborn, work on chairs in town hall	11 00
H A Kingsbury, wood for town hall	11 50
H A Kingsbury, drawing plank for bridges	1 50
John N Sanborn, two cords wood for library	10 00
C P Dickinson, check to D T Mills & Co., alcohol	113 34
Timothy Sullivan, work for town	21 75
C O Slack, work, self and team on bridge	2 00
H S Annis, work on bridge and money paid out	4 00
W H Nicols, judge, services and expenses as per bill	11 75
B H Adams, Jr., driving hearse past year	26 25
Willis Scales, work, self and team near L N Lucas'	2 25
N S Bixby, driving hearse, care of street lamp as per bill	21 65
Barnes & Townsend, dirt, stone and brick for town hall	15 10
A R Hood & Son., goods as per bill	2 79
Willard S Hatch, paint, etc	2 45
E O Tracy, goods furnished town	29 07
W H Hill, work for town	9 45
C P Dickinson, goods furnished town	41 99
Byron Berry, repairs on hearse	2 30
A F Tracy, labor at town hall to date	28 20

Alonzo Noyes, salary as liquor agent and freight on liquor ..	$117 63
W P Townsend, constable, unpaid taxes on list 1891 and '92,	9 86
C P Dickinson, cash paid out for town	66 49
National Bank of Orange Co., money hired to pay town debt,	500 00
do do do	500 00
do do do	500 00
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O B Copeland, cashier, interest on orders Nos. 49 and 50 of school dist. No. 2, Chelsea	52 80
F M Perkins, work, grading at town hall.....	3 00
Orange Co. Creamery Co., one cord of wood for town hall...	4 00
J K Darling. services as attorney and money paid out.....	35 00
E O Tracy, goods furnished town hall as per bill.....	4 86
C S Emery, 12 shades for town clerk's office and selectmen's room.....	15 00
J B Bacon, amount of cemetery orders paid by town	21 18
A F Morey, work and plank furnished for bridge near Hersey place	5 00
W P Townsend, clerk, returning births and deaths...	7 65
Geo L Stow, 300 brick for town hall.....	5 00
C M Hall, work in Highland cemetery.....	4 35
E B Dickinson, do.	2 85
J M Sanford, do	3 00
Frank E Bixby, do	75 00
F E Bixby, work, self and team, in Highland cemetery.....	32 00
C H Bigelow, surveying Highland cemetery.....	18 00
Geo F D French, work in Highland cemetery.....	43 05
W M Mattoon, do	25 30
C P Dickinson, check to Geo H Manchester, drain pipe, &c.,	17 54
C P Dickinson, check to Edward Foster, for 1 bbl cement...	2 00
N S Bixby, labor with team in Highland cemetery	15 75
L L Pierce, labor in do	2 50
W A Densmore, labor with team in do	10 20
Geo F D French, labor in do	5 55
M O Coburn, do do	6 60
E O Tracy, markers (107) and repairing pumps, &c...	8 84
W H Hill, sharpening drills and bars for cemetery...	1 95

ORDERS DRAWN BY SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

98	F Ray Thorne, building fires No. 15	$ 3 00
99	G W Taplin, board of teacher 10 weeks	17 50
100	Fred Braman, transporting teacher	5 00
101	M W Wheelock, order book	50
102	F H Tracy, wood No. 17	11 83
103	C P Abbott, cleaning school-house No. 15	2 00
104	Mrs Emma M Hood, cleaning school-houses Nos. 7, 8	3 00
105	Mrs F H Tracy, cleaning school-house No. 17	2 00
106	Mrs S L Rich, cleaning school-house No. 1	1 50
107	G W Taplin, cleaning and repairing school-house No. 5	3 00
108	W P Townsend, instruction of scholars in Chelsea Acad	275 00
109	F H Tracy, work on school-house No 17	7 50
110	Geo Hutchinson, lumber for school-house No. 17	1 55
111	Mrs Emma M Hood, cleaning school-house No. 11	1 50
112	Hattie H Dearborn, teaching 8 weeks as asst. in No. 2	20 00
113	Lillian M Wells, teaching 8 weeks in No. 2, with board	68 00
114	Mrs Susan H George, board of teacher 8 weeks	12 00
115	Mrs Lima M Price, teaching 8 weeks in No. 7	44 00
116	Mrs Maggie L Braman, board of teacher 8 weeks	12 00
117	E W Hood, transportation of scholar	5 00
118	Lillian E Batchellor, teaching 8 weeks in No 8	40 00
119	H A Kingsbury, board of teacher 8 weeks, wood and cash	21 40
120	Mrs Almira Edwards, cleaning school-house No. 12	1 75
121	Mrs Gertie W Dearborn, teaching 8 weeks in No. 10, with board	48 00
122	Martha L Noyes, teaching 8 weeks in No. 11, with board	52 00
123	Wesley W Underhill, care of school-house No. 2	1 50
124	Mrs Emily F Densmore, teaching 8 weeks in No. 1, with board	40 00
125	Lena E Spaulding, teaching 8 weeks in No. 17, with board	60 00
126	Mary A Burbank, teaching 8 weeks in No. 12	40 00
127	Laura R Fuller, teaching 8 weeks in No. 5	40 00
128	Mrs G W Taplin, board of teacher 8 weeks and work on school-house	12 82
129	Clara J Laird, teaching 8 weeks in No. 15	32 00
130	H B Lyford, transportation of scholars	7 00
131	John N Sanborn, wood for No. 15	11 25
132	Azariah Barnes, board of teacher 8 weeks	12 00
133	H A Magoon, work on school-house No. 2	3 10
134	Warren Stearns, wood for Nos. 5 and 12	16 50

135	Ethel L George, care of school-house No. 10	1 00
136	E J Rogers, mortar	40
137	S L Rich, wood for No. 7	8 75
138	J H Griffin, transportation of scholar	9 00
139	G W Cleaveland, work at school-house No. 8	1 00
140	C S Emery, insurance on school-houses	19 45
141	C N Dearborn, work on school-house No. 2	1 00
142	G T Densmore, wood for No. 1, and work at No. 11	16 92
143	Harriet N Lewis, teaching 8 weeks in No. 12	41 65
144	Mrs S W George, cleaning school-house No 10	1 75
145	Alice G Hood, teaching 10 weeks in No. 6	35 00
146	Lillian E Batchellor, teaching 10 weeks in No. 8	60 00
147	H A Kingsbury, board of teacher 10 weeks and wood for No. 8	35 00
148	Mrs Lima M Price, teaching 10 weeks in No. 7	60 00
149	E A George, board of teacher 10 weeks	20 00
150	Alma F Adams, teaching 10 weeks in No. 10, with board	60 00
151	Hattie E Stevens, teaching 10 weeks in No. 17, with board and care of school-house	72 50
152	Martha L Noyes, teaching 10 weeks in No. 1, with board	62 50
153	Mrs Maggie L Braman, board of teacher 10 weeks	15 00
154	Lillian M Wells, teaching 12 weeks in No. 2, with board	105 00
155	W P Townsend, instruction of scholars in Chelsea Acad	400 00
156	F R Laird, wood for No. 10	10 00
157	Laura R Fuller, teaching 10 weeks in No. 5	50 00
158	Mrs G W Taplin, board of teacher 10 weeks and cash paid	15 35
159	Mrs Emily F Densmore, teaching 10 weeks in No. 11, with board	60 00
160	A R Hood & Son, chalk crayons	7 60
161	Clara J Laird, teaching 10 weeks in No. 15	45 00
162	C C Cross, board of teacher 10 weeks	20 00
163	C W Goodwin, board of teacher 8 weeks	18 00
164	Morris Moulton, care of school-house No. 7	1 50
165	Albert S Camp, wood for No. 11	4 50
166	H A Magoon, work on school-house No. 1	3 20
167	C P Dickinson, goods furnished	2 00
168	Mrs Emily F Densmore, teaching 8 weeks in No. 11, with board	50 00
169	Harriet N Lewis, teaching 12 weeks in No. 12	61 65
170	E O Tracy, goods furnished	2 78
171	W S Hatch, goods furnished	6 30
172	Lillian M Wells, teaching 10 weeks in No. 2 with board	87 50
173	L A Burbank, board of teacher 10 weeks	25 00

174	Hattie E Stevens, teaching 10 weeks in No. 17, with board	70 00
175	Kate Mehuron. teaching 10 weeks in No. 8	50 00
176	N C Burbank, care of school-house No. 8, and work on same	5 00
177	E N Bacon, supplies for No. 12	1 10
178	H L Bixby, supplies for schools and work on school-houses	5 20
179	F C Robbins, transportation of scholars	22 50
180	F R Fitts, instruction of scholars in Vershire	2 50
181	W P Townsend, instruction of scholars in Chelsea Acad	160 00
182	Mrs Maggie L Braman, board of teacher 10 weeks	20 00
183	H W Dearborn, chair for No. 12	55
184	C W Goodwin, board of teacher 12 weeks	30 00
185	J A R Corwin, supplies for schools	65
186	G W Taplin, board of teacher 10 weeks	20 00
187	Martha L Noyes, teaching 10 weeks in No. 1, with board	62 50
188	F Hyde Robbins, care of school-house No. 5	2 50
189	Laura R Fuller, teaching 10 weeks in No. 5	50 00
190	Jennie Peck, teaching 10 weeks in No. 7	55 00
191	E A George, board of teacher 10 weeks	20 00
192	Morris Moulton, care of school-house No. 7	1 50
193	Clara J Laird, teaching 10 weeks in No. 15	50 00
194	F M Hackett, transportation of scholars	25 00
195	J H Griffin, transportation of scholars	45 00

OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

1890.	NO.			
Mar. 25	534	Sarah C Patterson	$1100 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	44 00	$1144 00
May 3	544	Sarah C Patterson	200 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	8 00	208 00
Aug. 19	553	Mrs E S Harrington	265 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	47 50	312 50
Aug. 22	556	Sarah C Patterson	200 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	8 00	208 00
1893.				
June 5	48	Clara J Laird	250 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	16 86	266 86
June 30	56	Ellen K Taplin	225 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	14 54	239 54

July 21	60	Caroline M Hyde	636	61	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	43	22	679 83
Aug. 9	62	Harry Bryant	325	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95	19	61	344 61
1894.					
May 28	189	W H Button	625	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	17	71	642 71
June 9	198	Clara J Laird	100	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	2	70	102 70
June 9	199	Jane Laird	200	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	5	40	205 40
July 5	208	Katie E Laird	300	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	7	23	307 23
July 7	210	Geo W Taplin	100	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	2	39	102 39
Sept. 1	246	Ellen K Taplin	100	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	1	79	101 79
Sept. 18	260	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	8	06	508 06
Sept. 18	261	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int. to Febt 12, '95, 4 per ct	8	06	508 06
Sept. 18	262	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	8	06	508 06
Sept. 18	263	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	8	06	508 06
Sept. 18	264	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	8	06	508 06
Sept. 18	265	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	8	06	508 06
Sept. 18	266	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	8	06	508 06
Sept. 18	267	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	8	06	508 06
Oct. 8	356	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct	6	89	506 89
1895.					
Feb. 6	357	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct		33	500 33
Feb. 6	358	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct		33	500 33
Feb. 6	359	Nat. Bank Orange County	500	00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 4 per ct		33	500 33
					$10,937 92

1893.				
Jan. 13	49	Sch. dist. No. 2 order	$555 90	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 5 per ct	2 32	$558 22
Jan. 14	50	Sch. dist. No. 2 order	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 5 per ct	2 02	502 02
1893.				
April 22	44	Horace Moxley	$19 50	
Mar. 27	34	W H Emery	48 52	
25	25	W C Austin	42 87	
25	26	M C Allen	42 85	
25	27	J M Flint	25 78	
25	29	E N Bacon	44 89	
25	31	L H Bohonon	27 68	
25	22	Rufus Brown	29 65	
28	37	Horace Moxley	38 93	
31	40	Hiram Luce	39 78	
25	30	Hiram Luce	24 45	
April 1	41	Ellen S Cooley	10 00	
17	4	H W Dearborn	12 00	
12	43	H W Dearborn	19 50	
12	1	J A R Corwin	1 30	
1894.				
April 24	103	C P Abbott	2 00	
11	2	O P Bacon	22 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '95, 6 per ct	48 29	
				$499 99
1894.				
Oct. 4	275	A F Tracy	$5 00	
1895.				
Jan. 31	344	N S Bixby	21 65	
Feb. 1	347	W S Hatch	2 45	
6	361	F M Perkins	3 00	
6	362	Orange Co. Creamery	4 00	
7	363	J K Darling	35 00	
7	364	E O Tracy	4 86	
7	365	C S Emery	15 00	
8	366	J B Bacon, treas	21 18	
11	367	A F Morey	5 00	
11	368	W P Townsend	7 65	
11	369	G L Stow	5 00	
				$129 79

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

1895.					
Jan.	30	151	W F Dewey	$9 97	
	31	154	Fred Folsom	3 56	
					$13 53

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ORDERS.

No. 103	C P Abbott	$2 00	
161	Clara J Laird	45 00	
170	E O Tracy	2 78	
171	W S Hatch	6 30	
172	Lillian M Wells	87 50	
173	L A Burbank	25 00	
174	Hattie E Stevens	70 00	
175	Kate Mehuron	50 00	
176	N C Burbank	5 00	
177	E N Bacon	1 10	
178	H L Bixby	5 20	
179	F C Robbins	22 50	
180	F R Fitts	2 50	
181	W P Townsend	160 00	
182	Maggie L Braman	20 00	
183	H W Dearborn	55	
184	C W Goodwin	30 00	
185	J A R Corwin	65	
186	G W Taplin	20 00	
187	Martha L Noyes	62 50	
188	E Hyde Robbins	2 50	
189	Laura R Fuller	50 00	
190	Jennie Peck	55 00	
191	E A George	20 00	
192	Morris Moulton	1 50	
193	Clara J Laird	50 00	
194	F M Hackett	25 00	
195	J H Griffin	45 00	
			867 58

Total outstanding orders $13,509 05

BILLS APPROVED BY AUDITORS.

C S Emery, town clerk	$34 64	
W P Townsend, town clerk	1 00	
C P Dickinson, selectman	50 00	
H S Annis, "	8 00	
M C Allen, "	18 00	
J B Bacon, town treasurer	10 00	
J M Flint, lister	51 50	
E M Hood, "	48 00	
E W Bacon, "	57 00	
A W Whitney, overseer	50 00	
C S Emery, town agent	5 00	
E N Bacon, school director	7 00	
J M Comstock, "	10 00	
Rev B B Sherman, superintendent	35 00	
W S Hatch, auditor	5 00	
W P Townsend, "	5 00	
J A R Corwin, "	5 00	
		$400 14

REPORT OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

As to the principles which have guided us in our administration of the schools, we have nothing to add to our report of last year. It has seemed necessary to maintain one more school, that in No. 1, for the whole of the year, and a school in No. 6 during 10 weeks. The expenses have therefore been slightly increased. The law requiring towns to purchase and hold text-books for the use of the schools will increase the duties of the directors for the coming year, and will entail an additional

expense on the town, but it is impossible at this time to make any estimate of the amount of such expense. The expenses of the present year, a few small items for which orders have not yet been drawn being possibly overlooked, may be classified as follows: Teachers' wages, $1442.30; board of teachers, $583.50; transportation, $118.50; fuel, $90.75; repairs, $23.07; new furniture, $54.55; Chelsea Academy, $835; incidentals, $84.68; total, $3263.55.

We give below a more detailed account of the expenses by schools.

No. 1.—Mrs E F Densmore, teaching 8 weeks, with board	$ 40	00
Martha L Noyes, teaching 20 weeks, with board	125	00
Cleaning	1	50
Repairs	3	60
G T Densmore, wood	16	67
Incidentals		40
	$187	17
No. 2.—Lillian M Wells, teaching 30 weeks, with board	$260	50
Hattie H Dearborn, teaching 8 weeks, with board	20	00
Repairs	4	10
Care of school-house	1	50
Incidentals	1	65
	$287	75
No. 5.—Laura R Fuller, teaching 28 weeks	$140	00
G W Taplin, board on last year	17	50
G W Taplin, board	47	00
W Stearns, wood	8	25
Cleaning	1	50
Repairs	2	32
Incidentals		65
Care of school-house	2	50
	$219	72
No. 6.—Alice G Hood, teaching 10 weeks	$35	00
C C Cross, board	20	00
Incidentals		60
	$55	60

No. 7.—Mrs L M Price, teaching 18 weeks	$104	00
Jennie M Peck, teaching 10 weeks	55	00
E A George, board	52	00
S L Rich, wood	8	75
Cleaning	1	50
Care of school-house	3	00
Incidentals		18
	$224	43

No. 8.—Lillian E Batchellor, teaching 18 weeks	$100	00
Kate Mehuron, teaching 10 weeks	50	00
H A Kingsbury, board	45	00
L A Burbank, board	25	00
H A Kingsbury, wood	11	25
Repairs	4	00
Cleaning	1	50
Care of school-house	3	00
Incidentals		45
	$240	20

No. 10.—Mrs G W Dearborn, teaching 8 weeks, with board	$ 48	00
Alma F Adams, teaching 10 weeks, with board	60	00
Mrs E A Carr, teaching 10 weeks, with board	60	00
F R Laird, wood	10	00
Cleaning	1	75
Care of school-house	3	00
	$182	75

No. 11.—Martha L Noyes, teaching 8 weeks, with board	$ 52	00
Mrs E F Densmore, teaching 18 weeks, with board	110	00
A S Camp, wood	4	50
Cleaning	1	50
Repairs		25
Care of school house		
	$168	25

No. 12.—Mary A Burbank, teaching 8 weeks	$ 40	00
Harriet N Lewis, teaching 20 weeks	103	30
A Barnes, board	12	00
C W Goodwin, board	48	00
W Stearns, wood	8	25
Cleaning	1	75
Chair, broom and other supplies	2	50
Care of school-house		
	$215	80

No. 15.—Clara J Laird, teaching 28 weeks	$127	00
Mrs M L Braman, board	47	00
F Braman, carrying teacher last year	5	00
Care of school-house last year	3	00
Cleaning	2	00
Care of school-house		
	$184	00

No. 17.—Lena E Spalding, teaching 8 weeks, with board	$ 60	00
Hattie E Stevens, teaching 20 weeks, with board	140	00
F H Tracy, wood	11	83
Repairs	9	05
Cleaning	2	00
Care of school-house		
	$222	88

Miscellaneous.—Chelsea Academy	$ 835	00
E W Hood, transportation	5	00
H B Lyford, "	22	00
J H Griffin, "	54	00
F C Robbins, "	22	50
F M Hackett, "	25	00
Maps of Vermont	54	00
Tuition in Vershire	2	50
Insurance	19	45
Incidentals	21	90
	$1,061	35

J M COMSTOCK,
H L BIXBY,
E N BACON,
} School Directors.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Would respectfully report that since the last annual meeting there have been paid by the treasurer 452 town ordersdrawn by the selectmen, overseer of the poor, school directors and road commissioner, amounting to—

Paid selectmen and overseer orders	$11,295 79
highway orders	2,603 42
school orders	2,612 48
21 fox bounties, 60c	12 60
Allowed to treasurer 4 per ct, the same allowed to taxpayers paying their taxes before the expiration of 90 days on $7,259.23	290 37
Allowed to treasurer 1 per ct on amount paid to treasurer before the expiration of 90 days on $6,968.87,	69 68
treasurer, issuing 99 warrants, 5c each	4 95
sending notices to taxpayers	2 00
To cr. in town ac. which belong in school ac.	6 25
due on W P Townsend's receipt of Dec. 12, 1894	295 76
do do Dec. 27, 1893	15 64
balance in town treasury at this date	2,637 24
	$19,846 18

CONTRA, CREDIT.

1894.	By received the following:	
Feb. 1	Selectmen, sale of oxen	$105 00
	Selectmen, share of school property in fractional dist. in Nos. 5 and 15, in Tunbridge,	18 66
	Selectmen, on par. land from A F Morey	7 92
	D T Mills, discount on liquor	2 35
	Selectmen, timber sold Dr A B Smith	1 50
	Selectmen, sale of old road machine	10 00
	Selectmen, money hired of W H Button	625 00
May 31	C S Emery, dog licenses less fees	95 90
June 25	Selectmen, money hired of Clara J Laird	100 00
	Selectmen, do Jane Laird	200 00
July 7	B B Sherman, on public building	100 00
	J K Darling, do	50 00
	Katie Laird, money borrowed	300 00
	Geo W Taplin, do	100 00
	Laura R Fuller, do	100 00

July 23	Alonzo Noyes, town agent, sale of spirituous liquors in part	$300 00
Sept. 18	Selectmen, bor. of Nat. Bank of Or. County,	4000 00
Nov. 30	Alonzo Noyes, town agt, sale of liquor	500 00
1895.		
Jan. 18	Selectmen, p'd by M Burnham, grass on com.	1 60
	Selectmen, p'd by W P Townsend, grass in Highland Cemetery	3 50
	Selectmen, the div. on 1 sh. stock in National Bank of Orange Co., of July, 1894	2 00
	Selectmen, hired of Mrs Ellen K Taplin	100 00
	Selectmen, parsonage money paid by C P Baker, for 1893	12 00
	Selectmen, school money paid by N G Moore for 1893	6 25
	Selectmen, stock div. in 1st National Bank on one share	5 00
	Selectmen, div. on 1 share stock in National Bank of Orange Co., Jan. 1895	2 00
	Selectmen, parsonage money paid by Geo W Hersey, for 1892–3	29 36
	Selectmen, show license	1 00
Feb. 3	Town tax of 100 cts on the dollar	4582 08
	Am't in town treasury on town account as by auditors' report of Feb. 13, 1894	1042 60
	Am't due on W P Townsend's receipt of Nov. 27, 1893, as by auditors' report	172 79
	Amount due on E M Collins' receipt of Nov. 22, 1892, as by auditors' report	10 88
	Am't due on E M Collins' receipt of Dec. 22, 1891, as by auditors' report	1 89
	Error in fox bounty	60
	Selectmen, p'd by Fred Beckwith, team work	50
	Mrs C E Godfrey, use of town hall	5 00
	Henry A Magoon, stone posts	3 00
	N G Moore, drain pipe	5 00
	H E K Hall Camp, use town hall	5 00
	O D Tracy, do	5 00
	U V Society, do	5 00
	James Hosking, do	10 00
	C P Dickinson, do	5 00
	do do	5 00
	Timothy Sullivan, do	5 00
	Gold Dollar Band, do	10 00

Feb. 3	Fred Beckwith, use town hall	$5	00
	J B Akerman, parsonage right to Jan. 1, '94,	10	00
	A W Whitney, do do	12	04
	Alonzo Noyes, sale of liquor to date	238	58
	Selectmen, hired of Nat. Bank of Or. Co.	1,500	00
	Am't of cem. orders chg'd in town acc't which belong in cem. account	79	25
	C P Dickinson, error in drawing order 355	3	30
Feb. 7	A W Whitney, overseer, sales from town farm	258	96
	Am't of cem. orders ch'g in town acc't which belong in cemetery account	22	15
	C S Emery, ex. dog license, less fees		90
	J M Comstock, from Washington, tuition	17	00
	do from Tunbridge, do	10	00
	do Brookfield, do	4	50
	do Randolph, do	7	00
	Selectmen, sch. money from Lydia Goodell,		50
	State Treas., Huntington fund to Dec. 31, '93,	46	87
	Selectmen, sch. money from Mrs C M Hyde,	11	00
	Selectmen, do H W Spear	6	25
	State Treas., 11 legal sch. maintained during the school year ending Mar. 31, 1894	424	21
	Sch. tax of 50c on dollar, ($4582.08)	2,291	04
	Sch. money in treasury as by auditor's rep't of Feb. 13, 1894	316	39
	Selectmen, sch. money from Orcutt Bixby on school lands up to Jan. 1, 1894	1	50
	E O Tracy, do do do	2	00
	Sch. money cr. in town acc't that belongs in school account	6	25
	Selectmen, rent of school lands of Newell Bixby, to Jan. 1, 1894	1	50
1894.			
July 8	State Treas., 81 miles of the total mileage of the state to May 15, 1894	486	10
Sept. 3	Highway tax of 20c on dol., ($4582.02)	916	42
	Highway money in treasury, as by auditor's report of Feb. 13, 1894	421	97
1895.			
Feb. 5	Selectmen, error in road comr's account	92	11
		$9846	18

JOHN B. BACON, Town Treasurer.

Resources and Liabilities of the Town, Feb. 15, 1895.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders and interest	$13,509 05	
Accounts approved by auditors	400 14	
Balance due Arthur Bacon and wife, services on poor farm	50 00	
		$13,959 19

RESOURCES.

Value of liquor on hand	$ 498 18	
Rent due on lease land	18 53	
Due on W P Townsend, tax rec't '93	15 64	
" " " " " '94	295 76	
Cash in Building Committee hands	81 81	
Cash due from S B Hebard's estate	50 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	2,637 24	
		3,598 16
Excess of liabilities		$10,362 03

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned auditors have examined the accounts of the treasurer and find the same correctly kept with proper vouchers for all payments. We also find in the hands of the treasurer as per town book $2792 92
" " " school " 533 54

$3326 46
Due the treasurer on highway book 686 82

Balance in hands of the treasurer..... $2639 64

We also find proper vouchers for all moneys paid by selectmen, overseer of the poor, road commissioner and school directors.

WILLARD S HATCH,
W P TOWNSEND, } Auditors.
J A R CORWIN,

TO THE TAX-PAYERS OF CHELSEA.

I am gratified to be able to report that there is no litigation pending in which the town of Chelsea is interested.

CURTIS S EMERY,
Town Agent.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

Another year has passed and an earnest desire of your superintendent has failed of consummation, viz: to demonstrate before your eyes upon a public field day the work done in the several schools that you might have an opportunity for independent judgment upon the productiveness of your school investment. The schools met, it is true, upon Oct. 25, 1894, but upon no broad basis of comparison. It is hoped that this year will not pass without such a competitive gathering.

One high school has been sustained in town the past year, and ten legal common schools in districts 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 17. In No. 6 a fall school of 10 weeks was held for the accommodation of a single citizen. These schools have been administered by 18 different teachers of whom 10 were residents of Chelsea. There were 264 pupils enrolled in them, leaving still about one-seventh of the children of school age without school privilege. This is in most instances explained by the predjudice of the parents against school association, the lack of suitable clothing, or the alleged unconquerable distance between home and school. In some cases, however, it is due to parental indifference and a culpable failure to provide transportation. From such registers as were accessible at the writing of this report, it would appear that the average number of days' attendance for all pupils would exceed the figures of last year and perhaps raise us in this respect above seventh place among Orange county towns. No just cause exists for our low average. Five towns exceed us in the number of days' school for all schools. Five at least—the records of Topsham and Newbury are not published—surpass us in the proportion of school population

found in attendance. These are Braintree, Corinth, Randolph, Strafford and Williamstown.

In previous reports emphasis has been put upon the necessity of making everything subordinate to the education of the children. It is not merely to keep in line with their classes and maintain a regular and healthy progress that the pupils' attendance should be uninterrupted. Perseverance, patience and punctuality are as essential as the three R's. Without these the race cannot be won. In factory and railroad towns, the bell, the whistle and the time-table assist old and young to strict and continuous discipline. In farming towns we cannot be too early, we may easily be too late. But the world's watchword is "Speed and Accuracy." If our children are to "get there," they must be taught to pride themselves on a school record without absences, tardy marks or dismissals. These blots upon the register extra calculation can save. I am acquainted with one pupil's record for ten years in which one dismissal, one unblamable tardiness and ten days' absence for sickness were the only delinquencies. Proceed to better such a history. Let the responsibility rest where it ought. The children are not usually the defaulters. These things are a form of good behavior, to teach which is a statutory requirement.

Still farther in the matter of behavior: We need not stickle for the ceremonious ways of the past or return to them. Time will not allow them, but a subtle loss has been incurred since we abandoned them. We do not hear the words "Sir" or "Madame;" and though we may be willing to admit that where all are lords and ladies there is no call to perpetuate old-world class distinctions by the use of these titles, yet One once walked the earth who did not think the equality he possessed was a thing to be grasped. It still looks inhumane to see letters superscribed with the bare name. It still sounds bold to hear the "yes" and "no" of the pupil. But if time saving demand omissions let us not lose the deferential tone and manner that redeem

these monosyllables from boorishness. To inform the mind is not education, but to refine thought and feeling and their every form of expression. Manners make the man. Thorough instruction in good behavior means tuition in the usages of good society as well as in good morals. Good morals are promoted by good manners. No allowance by the instructress of discourtesy to herself is a kindness to the pupil. To know and respect the difference between indoor and outdoor play—to be courteous to age and childhood, to girls and persons in authority—is one of the first things a boy should learn. Our teachers have much to do along this line. But teachers cannot build as fast as parents can pull down. The home and school must not be at variance in this work, but must supplement each other. A few years of joint effort can make our boys at once brave and tender, gentle and courageous and clothe our girls with womanliness.

Demeanor on the grounds has much to do with the health and morals of the pupils and calls for more watchful and intelligent supervision. An act of thoughtless rudeness may injure a weak body for life. Scarcely less injurious is the reaction on him who is permitted to remain thoughtless and rough. Conduct in the school-room during study and recitation and in intermission silently fixes habit and shapes character. Unchecked boisterousness in the boy makes an offensively noisy man and the indulgence of a slouching attitude is often the occasion of a slouch in character. One cannot visit many of our schools without justly complaining of the unhealthful positions assumed by the pupils—the rounded shoulders, contracted chest and eyes thrust into the book. Learning gained at the expense of lungs and vision is dearly bought. However this may be remedied—by military drill, Swedish gymnastics, the Emerson movements, vertical writing, singly or combined--something should at once be done to insure among all pupils a naturally erect and wholesome posture. Pupils should be urged in all study to sit with expanded chest,

and book at a level with the eye. Correct position on the platform or floor is correct position at the desk. And that which is done in the study hour will easily be done at the recitation.

Previous suggestions of the superintendent have increased in some districts the number of parents' visits. There is room for further increase.

The tax imposed npon the pupils in some instances by the amount of written work leads me to say that in the interest of both pupils and teacher written recitation should yield as far as possible to oral. The daily or tri-weekly penmanship lesson, apart from the two or three tests of each term, should be all that is asked in this kind. The mere manual labor of writing added to the nervous strain of a faithful student means irritability at home and dissatisfaction in school. Nerves will cry out against abuse. The evils of discarding the oral work of a generation ago are inducing educators to return. Oral recitation makes wise requisitions of the student; ready knowledge and the review of the previous process of thought—thinking upon one's feet and immediate expression. In this oral work, in branches like history or geography, rote recitation is not desired. The pupil is too often expected to reproduce the exact words of the manual. And I have heard teachers, questioning with book in hand, continue their queries until the book language was fairly crammed into the pupil's mouth. So to reproduce the author is a feat of memory which may prevent all breadth of conception, all proportion of view. But when the pupil in his own words rehabilitates the author's thought, we know just what impression the writer has made and the reader received, can correct erroneous views and readjust conclusions. To hold a book and question from it is no more teaching than to repeat from memory a mass of undigested words is learning. The teacher must be full of matter, her faculties alert for illustration, her parallel reading enabling her to contribute what the text-book lacks, and her queries suggested

by the pupil's replies. But we are still speaking of the value of oral work. Let certain exercises reappear which should never have been laid on the shelf. Give mental arithmetic two half hours per week and divide the school as often for a spelling match, or a geographical or historical review. Several ends will thus be gained: ability to retain the points in an argument and show the steps taken in reasoning, an enlarged and verified vocabulary, and a more full orbed view of the study of the earth and man.

And now, having referred to one bad method still in vogue among some of our teachers, let me say that while I deeply sympathize with those who teach ungraded schools, and appreciate the task set them to create order and knowledge out of an assemblage ranging from 5–21 years and an elective course occupying each recess and half the nooning and stretching from "I see the fat cat" to quadratics, whatever you do, leave not personal culture undone. If you purpose to earn your bread by teaching, earn it and more. Every true workman gives more than he gets. He does it for the work's sake. Love your work, not the dollars it may bring. Be sure that for the perfunctory, soulless, mechanical hearer of recitations, who never shows a pupil the fields of knowledge, provokes him to enter, or stimulates him in methods of search, there soon will nowhere be dollars to earn. One test of love for any calling is the use of opportunities for improvement. Go see how others do it in school and at the institutes. Don't ruin a good mind and waste the leisure days between terms in frivolous amusements or trashy reading. Summer schools may be far away or beyond the limits of your slender purse, though that can hardly be in our time. But there are books expressly for the professional teacher, whose small cost is well invested, and public libraries where substantial brain food may be had without price. Teachers who have crammed for an interview with the county examiner and

intend no further effort till the expiration of their certificate demands it, may hold papers but possess no recommendation to any board of directors. Such persons are not calculated to make learning lovable to beginners, to enliven sluggish minds or guide them when aroused. *Teachers*, go ahead and draw.

It does not seem to me quite just to speak of our most advanced school as a High School. Some intermediate, some grammar, some high and some college preparatory work is done there. At present, principal and assistant, working over hours and otherwise taxing themselves unduly, cannot produce results satisfactory to their own measure or equalling the standard of high schools abroad. This is not to their disparagement. Too much is expected of one man and one woman under a wrong system. Let the plan of giving pupils the fullest cram in the shortest time be flung to the winds. Let it be understood that the pupil does not choose the course, but that the course is chosen for him and fixed. Let the intermediate and grammar work be done elsewhere. Let the principal be so relieved that if pupils wish college preparation he can give it in the lawful hours of school session. Let the English course be expanded to the proper dimensions of a high school curriculum. Add one assistant teacher that History, Literature and German or French may have an exponent and the natural sciences another. The course would then be something like this:

First Year.—Begin German or French. Review U. S. History, Arithmetic and Analytic Grammar.

Second Year.—Begin Physics, English Literature, General History. Continue French or German.

Third Year.—Physiology, first half; Botany, last half. Continue English Literature and General History, with German or French.

Fourth Year.—Astronomy, first half; Geology, last half. American Literature, General History, German or French.

Indicate upon the graduate's diploma the branches included in the course. The patent feature of such a schedule is the omission of algebra and geometry which should be confined to the college preparatory course.

It is worth our while also to consider whether since Act No. 21 of the last legislature has removed the restriction upon July and August schools, we may not inaugurate other changes which are urged by our cold winters and heavily drifted roads. Would it not be wiser to secure our 28 weeks of school in two long terms of fourteen weeks each? These might be bounded as follows: First term—April 8–July 15 approximately, followed by 5 weeks of vacation. Second term—Aug. 20–Nov. 25 approximately. The time-saving and children's help would thus fall in the shortest days when it would be most grateful. The labor of transportation and danger from exposure would also be minimized.

Let me suggest one more theme for reflection. We cannot see, unless as the result of a private munificence which shall both build and endow, any hope of a central graded school in Chelsea. But if we cannot have that which I am aware many do not want and which I shall be last to urge in the impoverished condition of our people, may we not with existing provisions have the beneficial results of grading? My plan would be: Let Nos. 12 and 10 remain mixed schools. Let only primary and intermediate work be done in Nos. 7, 8 and 11. Divide the No. 1 pupils of these grades between Nos. 7 and 11 according to situation. Create at No. 1 a grammar school for Districts 1, 7, 8 and 11. Close No. 15, which has the smallest quota of Chelsea pupils. Let only primary and intermediate work be done at Nos. 5 and 17. If satisfactory arrangements can be made with the shoe-factory stockholders, consolidate in their building the grammar pupils of districts 2, 3, 15, 5 and 17. By this scheme we have not increased the number of schools, we have one more school-house to sell, and we have simplified the teaching of five schools, while we

have made a veritable gain of two grammar schools and one high school. The primary and intermediate schools will not be large, but this too is not an evil, as the pupils may be advanced more rapidly.

In accordance with the statute, an opportunity will be afforded next June for the choice of text books to be used during the next five years. In the departments of Geography, Spelling, Penmanship, Arithmetic, Grammar and Reading, improvement is possible. But one thing is most important: There should then be placed at each teacher's command, for the work of the lower grades, necessary appliances for elementary reading and number work, and for drawing—which stands on a level with other branches prescribed by law to be taught, a globe, a dictionary, and slate-painted cloth or paper black boards, selections for rhetorical use, and a good music chart, with a cabinet in which to keep such tools. I am aware that every avenue of expense should be guarded, but these appliances (except the chart) are inexpensive, and to refuse the small sums required for their purchase is to place both pupils and teachers at a serious disadvantage.

BARKER B. SHERMAN, *Supt.*

BIRTHS.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan. 19.	Allen Elmer Alger.	William H. & Ellen.
Feb. 17.	Ervie Ira Jesseman.	Ira A. & Emma B.
Mar. 3.	Vera Maud Beckwith.	Fred L. & Mary E.
" 3.	Vera Frances Watkins.	William H. & Jane.
" 8.	. . . Dickinson.	Charles P. & May L.
" 19.	Evelyn Alice Sprague.	Andrew L. & M. Alice
" 22.	Gladys May Lyford.	Henry B. & Erve E.
Apr. 9.	Hazel Susan Luce.	Chas. A. & Hann'h M.
" 10.	Florence May Dow.	Chas. A. & Cora M.
May 7.	Ethel May Eaton.	Geo. C. & Emma A.
" 15.	Bessie Evelyn Hood.	Ezra W. & Fannie E.
" 26.	John Doyle.	Thomas J. & Nellie M.
" 30.	Charles Glenn Fuller.	Edwin D. & Edith M.
June 20.	Max Lyman Hayward.	George L. & Mary M.
Aug. 8.	Warren Lathrop Walker.	Horace T. & Cora M.
" 15.	. . . Harry Goodwin.	Calvin & Julia E.
Sep. 11.	. . . . Hood.	Alpheus & Emma M.
" 27.	Ethelynd Maria Sargent.	Philip L. & Lucy A.
Nov. 4.	Bernice Leonie Bemis.	Leon L. & Mary E.
Dec. 5.	Anna Luella Brown.	Calvin M. & Anna L.
" 30.	Edith Lilla Ball.	Frank W. & Dell May
" 31.	. . . . Edwards.	John A. & Lucy A.

MARRIAGES.

Jan'y 1.	George T. Densmore, of Chelsea, and Emily F. Carpenter, of Chelsea.
Jan'y 25.	Harley E. Ainsworth, of Chelsea, and Lillian M. Pettes, of Chelsea.
Jan'y 31.	J. Farwell Davis, of Chelsea, and Mary A. Ward, of Chelsea.
Feb. 21.	Clarence H. Goodell, of Chelsea, and Mary A. Flanders, of Tunbridge.
March 7.	Robert A. Lyon, of Chelsea, and Cora E. Adams, of Strafford.
May 30.	Lewis Norris Lucas, Jr., of Chelsea, and Nellie S. Locke, of Chelsea.
June 5.	Edwin A. George, of Chelsea, and Susan H. Grant, of Chelsea.
June 28.	Frank E. Bixby, of Chelsea, and Julia O. E. Adams, of Chelsea.
July 24.	Harry F. Bryant, of Chelsea, and Mary E. Atwood, of Chelsea.
Aug. 30.	Jesse E. Joslyn, of Malden, Mass., and Elizabeth M. Bacon, of Chelsea.
Sept. 12.	Marshall A. Carpenter, of Chelsea, and Helen S. Mackenzie, of Woodstock.
Sept. 12.	Carlton Slack, of Chelsea, and Ernie B. Felch, of Chelsea.
Sept. 26.	John Butler Bacon, of Chelsea, and Sarah A. Hall, of Chelsea.
Oct. 2.	Charles P. Stevens, of Chelsea, and Bernice L. Skinner, of Chelsea.
Dec. 22.	W. J. Loughheed, of White River Junction, and Emma Gertrude Hardy, of Chelsea.
Dec. 24.	Eugene H. Kennedy, of Chelsea, and Ella M. Herbert, of Brighton, Mass.
Dec. 25.	Henry H. Luce, of Chelsea, and Emma S. Smith, of Brookfield.

DEATHS.

DATE.	NAME.	YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Jan. 4.	Jabez Luce.	71		
" 6.	Sarah Pierce.	40	9	22
" 17.	Mary E. Pettes.	51		2
" 27.	Thomas Godfrey.	84	1	22
Feb. 4.	Pauline Cabot.	57	9	28
" 24.	Thirza Bixby.	89		
Mar. 3.	Delia C. Cross.	50	7	5
" 16.	. . . Dickinson.			8
" 17.	Daniel D. Willis.	62	5	4
" 19.	Calvin P. Baker.	74	7	8
" 19.	Ira Underhill.	85	6	17
" 25.	Gladys May Lyford.			3
" 29.	Elizabeth Bugbee.	58	7	19
April 2.	Angeline M. Winsor.	88	5	17
" 7.	Betsey Crocker.	91	3	3
" 8.	M. V. B. Davis.	55	6	13
" 26.	Aurelia Fuller.	69	9	11
" 27.	Hannah Roberts.	91	8	27
May 6.	Martha M. Hunt.	69	5	16
" 15.	Herbert A. Luce.	27	4	5
" 21.	Janet Royce.	37	10	29
" 31.	Victor William Little.	1		8
June 17.	John L. Mattoon.	62	7	3
July 20.	Archibald Mills.	87	4	15
Aug 24.	Mary Kimball.	82	2	8
Oct. 21.	Louisa Thorne.	75	11	26
Nov. 17.	Salmon B. Hebard.	59		2
" 28.	Verna Fannie Fitts.	6	6	8
Dec. 5.	Clarista Osborne.	68	11	14

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TOWN MEETING.

The legal voters of the town of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, in Chelsea, on TUESDAY, the 3d day of March, 1896, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz:

1. To choose a moderator.

2. To choose a town clerk.

3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several town officers.

4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5. To raise money to pay the indebtedness of the town, and to defray the expenses for the ensuing year.

6. To see if the town will vote to put its tax-bills into the town treasurer's hands for collection, in accordance with the law relating thereto.

7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the support of the public library.

8. To see if the town will vote to keep in repair the bridge between the main highway and Elisha Burgess' house.

9. To transact any other proper business.

C. P. DICKINSON,
HORACE MOXLEY,
H. S. FITTS,
} Selectmen of Chelsea.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 18, 1896.

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Town Officers for the Year 1895-96.

Moderator,	J. M. COMSTOCK
Clerk,	W. P. TOWNSEND
Selectmen,	C. P. DICKINSON HORACE MOXLEY H. S. FITTS
Treasurer,	W. P. TOWNSEND
Overseer of Poor,	E. D. BARNES
First Constable,	ALONZO NOYES
Road Commissioner,	W. M. MATTOON
Collector of Taxes,	H. K. DARLING
Listers,	E. W. HOOD ALVAH CARPENTER HORACE WALKER
Auditors,	J. A. R. CORWIN W. S. HATCH C. S. EMERY
Trustee Public Money,	W. P. TOWNSEND
School Directors, Three years,	H. L. BIXBY
School Directors, Two years,	E. N. BACON
School Directors, One year,	E. A. CORWIN
Town Superintendent,	B. B. SHERMAN
Clerk,	W. P. TOWNSEND
Trustees Public Library, Five years,	J. B. BACON
Trustees Public Library, Four years,	H. L. BIXBY
Trustees Public Library, Three years,	J. M. COMSTOCK
Trustees Public Library, Two years,	B. B. SHERMAN
Trustees Public Library, One year,	G. L. STOW
Town Grand Juror,	E. O. TRACY
Fence Viewers,	SELECTMEN
Inspector of Leather,	E. D. BARNES
Inspector of Lumber and Shingles,	FRANK BECKWITH
Town Agent,	C. S. EMERY

Orders Drawn by Road Commissioner.

W M Mattoon,	breaking roads,	$26 50
F E Bixby,	do	6 75
S L Rich,	do	3 70
G B Lane,	do	5 50
C B Rumrill,	do	2 22
Henry B Lyford,	do	9 55
Will M Flanders,	do	1 86
T J Doyle,	do	3 75
Geo B Langmaid,	do	3 00
Erastus Bugbee,	do	2 90
L H Bohonon,	breaking roads and damage to mow.	8 60
Geo B Colby,	breaking roads,	4 87
W H Alger,	do	2 33
Fillmore Edwards,	do	3 62
C M Hunt,	do	2 87
H O Bixby,	account books,	1 00
S Beckwith,	breaking roads,	2 88
J D Ballou,	do	4 37
Clinton L Buzzell,	do	14 38
W H Luce,	repairing highway,	4 55
A H Dennison,	breaking roads,	9 45
Rufus Brown,	labor and timber,	4 00
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	34 75
A W Chandler,	labor,	3 90
J D Cosgrove,	breaking roads,	6 62
Geo F Reed,	do	4 50

F M Perkins,	labor,	.....	$8 78
J H Griffin,	labor and timber,	.....	9 42
Chas A Dow,	labor,	.....	1 25
James B Smith,	labor,	.....	6 53
W D Hook,	breaking roads,	.....	2 67
C W Lyon,	do	.....	2 50
E E Stone,	do	.....	8 12
Amos B Wright,	labor,	.....	9 00
W H Luce,	labor,	.....	10 50
A F Morey,	breaking roads,	.....	2 00
E W Hood,	do	.....	2 75
F R Laird,	do	.....	8 11
J B Smith,	labor,	.....	18 00
E H Kennedy,	breaking roads,	.....	4 53
A B Wright,	labor,	.....	9 37
W H Luce,	labor,	.....	9 00
Aiken Edwards,	breaking roads,	.....	12 69
F M Perkins,	labor,	.....	6 00
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	.....	55 25
A W Chandler,	labor,	.....	75
W H Luce,	labor,	.....	7 80
W C H Wallace,	breaking roads,	.....	5 99
A B Wright,	labor,	.....	7 50
Joseph McConnell,	breaking roads,	.....	4 03
John D Bowen,	do	.....	15 67
W H Luce,	labor,	.....	9 00
J B Smith,	labor,	.....	16 50
A B Wright,	labor,	.....	9 00
W H Luce,	labor,	.....	6 40
J O Perkins,	labor,	.....	75
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	.....	109 80
T P Moore, care of lantern and damage to saw,			2 00
W H Luce,	labor,	.....	7 50
J B Smith,	labor,	.....	13 95
A B Wright,	labor,	.....	13 95
W H Luce,	labor,	.....	9 00
A B Wright,	labor,	.....	16 20

J B Smith,	labor,	.....	$12 00
E G Reed,	breaking roads,	.....	3 62
C M Hunt,	labor,	.....	2 40
W H. Luce,	labor,	.....	11 70
F M Perkins,	labor,	.....	4 50
C M Beckwith,	breaking roads,	.....	1 53
W H Luce,	labor,	.....	11 25
A B Wright,	labor,	.....	15 00
J B Smith,	labor,	.....	15 00
C W Goodwin,	breaking roads,	.....	8 77
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	.....	151 55
C F Moulton,	breaking roads,	.....	6 53
E G Thorne,	do	.....	2 50
W H Luce,	labor,	.....	13 50
Charlie W Bacon,	labor with team,	.....	27 00
J B Smith,	labor,	.....	12 75
W H Luce,	labor,	.....	6 00
J O Perkins,	labor,	.....	12 00
Fred H Folsom,	breaking roads,	.....	2 68
W H Luce,	labor,	.....	9 00
J B Smith,	labor,	.....	13 50
J O Perkins,	labor,	.....	9 00
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	.....	30 00
Milo E Camp,	breaking roads,	.....	8 50
John A. Tracy,	do	.....	6 85
A Barnes,	do	.....	2 92
E Grosvenor,	labor and timber,	.....	5 25
C O Burnham,	labor with team,	.....	6 00
W M Mattoon,	do	.....	30 00
Houston Fitts,	labor and timber,	.....	9 00
E A George,	breaking roads,	.....	4 05
W E Bacon,	do	.....	11 62
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	.....	67 00
C P Abbott,	labor,	.....	4 50
S L Rich,	labor,	.....	90
P L Sargent,	labor,	.....	1 50
C M Hall,	labor,	.....	1 58

A B Wright,	labor,	$1 80
W D Hook,	labor and timber,	2 75
C M Blaisdell,	cutting ice,	1 62
A E Hopkins,	damage to mowing,	2 50
F M Perkins,	labor,	7 20
J O Perkins,	labor,	1 50
W L Carpenter,	breaking roads,	6 56
John M Druge,	do	7 25
E G Thorne,	labor,	1 95
Geo F Folsom,	labor,	5 00
F M Perkins,	labor,	2 50
Henry Clark,	labor with team,	3 00
W H Luce,	labor,	4 50
David Dickerman,	breaking roads,	5 00
M C Morey,	do	4 62
W H Luce,	labor,	4 50
A I Dexter,	labor with team,	2 00
W J Tarbell,	labor,	2 50
Milo M Sanborn,	labor,	1 95
Benson Sanborn,	labor with team,	5 25
John N Sanborn,	breaking roads,	4 10
W H Bugbee,	do	4 48
C M Hunt,	labor,	2 00
W H Luce,	labor,	2 55
W W Brown,	labor and timber,	3 00
Warren Stearns,	breaking roads, and plank,	8 37
W H Luce,	labor,	2 25
R W Laird,	breaking roads,	3 65
Elisha Burgess,	logs,	1 00
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	23 00
Ed George,	do	1 50
Geo. Dickerman,	breaking roads,	9 73
S L Rich,	labor,	88
W H Luce,	labor,	4 60
F M Perkins,	labor,	3 50
W F Dewey,	breaking roads, and timber,	12 00
L H Bohonon,	timber,	1 50

Charlie Luce,	breaking roads,	$2 75
E G Brown,	labor with team,	3 45
W C Goss,	labor,	1 00
H F Mattoon,	breaking roads,	5 00
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	20 25
N G Moore,	labor,	2 00
W M Mattoon,	check to Geo H Manchester,	8 00
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	43 75
W H Luce,	labor,	1 88
Timothy Sullivan,	repairing,	12 65
W A Kenison,	blasting,	7 50
W H Luce,	labor,	9 00
J B Smith,	labor,	9 00
W H Luce,	labor,	7 45
W A Kenison,	blasting,	13 80
do	do	10 50
W H Luce,	labor,	9 00
E M Smith,	labor,	25 80
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	34 00
W H Luce,	labor,	6 75
W A Kenison,	blasting,	11 25
W H Luce,	labor,	9 00
W A Kenison,	blasting,	4 50
W H Luce,	labor,	6 75
W A Kenison,	blasting,	6 00
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	32 75
F M Perkins,	labor,	4 05
W H Luce,	labor,	6 00
W A Kenison,	blasting,	6 75
W H Luce,	labor,	6 75
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	35 00
W A Kenison,	blasting,	6 50
W H Luce,	labor,	8 25
Henry Bryant,	labor,	2 40
W H Luce,	labor,	10 50
F M Perkins,	labor,	11 25
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	76 00

Mahlon H Young,	labor,	$1 20
Henry Clarke,	labor with team,	6 00
Carlton Slack,	do	6 00
F E Hood,	labor,	6 00
W M Mattoon,	labor with team,	53 00
J B Smith,	labor,	15 75
J C Atwood,	labor,	2 50
F H Tracy,	labor,	4 00
E M Smith,	labor,	1 25
P L Sargent,	dirt,	6 00
E L Harwood,	damage to garden,	1 00
W M Mattoon,	check to Geo H Manchester,	8 54
Timothy Sullivan,	repairing,	12 85

Expense of highways,	$1825 51
Expense of bridges,	351 20
Expense of sidewalks,	65 81
Total expense of highways, bridges & sidewalks,	$2242 52

Division of Parsonage Money.

Paid Methodist society,	$19 50	
Methodist society, West Hill,	19 50	
Methodist society, 1896,	19 50	
		$58 50

CEMETERY REPORT.

HIGHLAND CEMETERY.

Due from town, Feb. 11, 1895,	$834 47		
Interest on same,	28 67		
Cash from Mrs. Philena Davis, lot 144,	12 00		
Geo K Bixby, " 304,	12 00		
J K Darling, "	12 00		
L D Parkhurst, half " 2,	7 00		
Chas P Stevens, " 213,	12 00		
Mrs Wm Roberts, half " 228,	7 00		
		$925	14
Paid F M Perkins, dirt,	$1 40		
Geo Hutchinson, stakes,	2 50		
C P Dickinson, seed,	2 22		
F E Bixby, breaking road,	3 75		
Henry Clarke, labor with team,	7 50		
L D Parkhurst, painting,	11 50		
F E Hood, work,	17 75		
W. S. Hatch, paint,	14 65		
		61	25
		$863	89
Due for lots sold and unpaid :			
Joseph Landon,	$12 00		
John N Sanborn,	12 00		
Leroy Sleeper,	12 00		
Geo Langmaid,	3 50		
		39	50
		$903	39

Cemetery near West Hill Meeting House.

Received of Aiken Edwards, for lot 15,	$5 00	
Paid Stevens Avery, as per contract,		$5 00

Cemetery, West Hill, near M. C. Allen's.

Labor, ...	$4 75	
Lumber and posts, ...	6 25	
		$11 00

Cemetery on Strafford Road.

Horace Moxley, self, man and team,	$3 25	
C H Morey, ...	1 00	
Francis Laird, ...	1 50	
Julius Goodell, ...	1 00	
F E Hood, ...	1 50	
Frank Larkin, ...	1 50	
Lumber and posts, ...	16 50	
		$26 25

Fund.

Money left by Mrs. Sarah Grow, the income to be used to keep her lot in repair in Highland Cemetery, and two other lots in the old cemetery, as per her will recorded in the town clerk's office, May 20th, 1889.

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Cash in selectmen's hands, February, 1895,	$3 50	
Income on fund, ...	4 00	
		$7 50

DR.

Paid N S Bixby, work on lot, ...	$3 00	
town of Chelsea, towards the amount paid by town for bank share,	4 50	
		$7 50

There is due the town at this time, $1.50.

Town Clerk's Report—Dog Licenses, 1895-96.

85 dogs licensed at $1, ...	$85 00	
1 " 2, ...	2 00	
4 " 4, ...	16 00	
		$103 00
Fees retained on 90 licenses issued,		9 00
Cash paid into town treasury,		$94 00

W. P. Townsend, Town Clerk.

Damage done by dogs—Francis Laird, $2 ; Fred Hall, 2 ; Willis Scales, 2 ; E O Mattoon, 2 ; Robert Ramsdell, 2 ; Charles Hunt, 2.

Liquor Agency.

Liquor on hand, Feb. 1st, 1896,	$386 18	
Cash received for sale of liquor, ...	1337 06	
		$1723 24
Liquor on hand, Feb. 1st, 1895, ...	$498 18	
Paid for liquor, including freight,	1024 61	
insurance on liquor, ...	5 00	
U. S. license, ...	25 00	
Agent's salary, ...	100 00	
		1652 79
Net profit,		$70 45

OVERSEER OF POOR'S REPORT.

REPORT OF TOWN FARM,—S. T. Farrington, Supt.

DR.

Bills paid by town orders:

Selectmen, rent on lease land,	$12 04	
J A R Corwin's bill,	59 57	
A H Powers' bill,	100 60	
H W Dearborn, coffin for Miss Ladd,	12 00	
C W Bixby, one cow,	30 00	
G L Hayward, two cows, $60, sawing wood, $10,	70 00	
E D Barnes, one cow,	30 00	
E D Barnes, money p'd more than rec'd,	181 35	
A R Hood & Son, bill,	10 70	
W S Hatch, bill,	36 20	
E O Tracy, bill,	27 75	
C P Dickinson, bill,	98 24	
S T Farrington, services on town farm,	60 00	
		$728 45

Bills paid in money by overseer:

Levi Pierce, two-horse wagon, sled, neck yoke, &c.,	$24 00
G W Emerson, 7 turkeys and ex. on same,	14 00
G E Hatch, two cows,	60 00
H K Darling, for adv. in Chelsea Herald,	20
A F Morey, 2 pigs, use of bull and buck,	9 00
W H Hill, blacksmithing,	3 50
A Noyes, liquors, 1894,	3 28
Joseph Landon, pair shoes, rep'ng shoes,	3 00
S T Farrington, money paid out,	2 68
F E Allen, horse collar, rep. harn., &c.,	8 08

Harry Sargent, wagon pole, &c.,	$2 50	
L L Sleeper, bill in 1894,	5 40	
B Berry, bill in 1894,	61	
Geo W Hersey, blacksmithing,	17 80	
Geo L Hayward, sawing and threshing,	15 16	
F Laird, shearing sheep,	2 00	
F E Hood, chopping,	1 50	
Fred Lewis, shingling,	2 40	
John Hogan, work on wood,	2 00	
Burt H Kent, chopping wood,	1 50	
F H Folsom, work with oxen draw. logs,	8 70	
T Johnson, work splitting wood,	4 00	
J Hersey's Est., two shoats,	10 50	
O P Bacon, mak. cider, '93, $1.86, '95, .73,	2 59	
W P Townsend, town tax,	9 79	
E D Barnes, beef for town farm, and shote,	12 45	
Dr J H Godfrey, med. attend. and med.,	30 00	
E M Smith, butchering hogs,	1 25	
R W Allen, bill,	10 22	
C S Emery, insurance on town buildings,	12 96	
H S Annis, oyster shells,	75	
P W Rogers, axle, stock, &c.	1 90	
E D Barnes, ashes,	6 12	
T Sullivan, blacksmithing,	2 90	
L C & F C Beckwith, feed and saw bill,	25 93	
H K Darling, Mrs Dunbar's tax, '94, '95,	7 46	
		$326 13
Paid by town orders,		728 45
		$1054 58
Paid S T Farrington, services,		150 00
		$1204 58

Due S T Farrington, April 1, 1896, $50.

Appraisal of Stock, Tools, Provisions, etc., Feb. 1st.

8 cows	$ 210 00
1 7-yrs. old mare	75 00
1 8-yrs. old mare	75 00
1 4-yrs. old mare	50 00
3 shoates	20 00
6 turkeys	12 00
23 hens	9 20
5 tons hay	50 00
2 tons straw	10 00
65 bushels oats	19 50
10 bushels corn	5 00
100 bushels potatoes	20 00
5 bushels beans	7 50
1½ bushels peas	2 25
300 pounds salt pork	30 00
150 pounds fresh meat	12 00
30 pounds sausage	3 00
71 pounds lard	7 10
2½ pounds butter	50
1 barrel vinegar	4 00
pickles	3 00
1 cask cider	3 00
1 gallon boiled cider	50
27 pounds dried apple	1 35
wool	2 00
2 pounds tea	1 00
6½ bushels barley	3 25
oyster shells	75
2 pounds coffee	70
1 2-horse wagon	20 00
1 2-horse sled	5 00
neckyoke, spread chains	2 00
4 M shingles	10 00
1 drag rake	50
1 potato digger	50
1 hay knife	1 00
3 manure forks	1 50
3 hay forks	75
6 hoes	1 00
200 tin sap buckets	25 00
3 sap pans	$3 00
2 sap pails	1 00
1 sugaring-off pan	3 00
1 draw tub	5 00
1 holder	2 00
2 milk cans	5 00
1 caldron kettle	2 00
3 logging chains	2 00
2 trace chains	1 00
4 halters	1 00
2 horse blankets	25
3 cider barrels	2 00
2 bushel baskets	75
2 half bu. measures	50
salt	1 00
½ barrel flour	2 25
soap	1 50
30 cords stove wood	85 00
lumber	50 00
sled, cart and harrow lumber	1 00
3 sled tongues	1 00
2 ox carts	10 00
2 wagons	35 00
1 sleigh	4 00
1 ox sled	5 00
1 bob sled	1 00
3 harnesses	20 00
2 yokes	2 00
3 ladders	3 00
1 plow	3 00
1 harrow	50
1 wheelbarrow	2 00
1 mowing machine	25 00
1 horse rake	18 00
1 garden rake	25
1 scythe and 2 snaths	1 00
1 grindstone	3 00
1 spade	40
1 manure hook	50
3 shovels	1 00

12 meal bags	$1 00	1 fore plane	50
1 robe	7 00	1 jointer	75
5 axes	1 50	3 hammers	1 00
1 vise	50	1 try square	25
1 beetle and 4 wedges	1 00	dividers, chalk line etc	50
1 cross-cut saw	1 00	1 force pump	1 00
1 key-hole saw	25	2 sprinklers	1 40
2 wood saws	75	2 monkey wrenches	50
augers, chisel and bits	2 00	2 pair sheep shears	50
1 steel square	1 00	2 hand rakes	25
1 draw knife	50	4 gals. kerosene oil	60
1 block plane	50		
			$1034 00

Produce Sold from Town Farm.

One yoke oxen,	$95 00	
Calves,	30 94	
Sheep and lambs,	47 15	
Poultry,	68 89	
Wool,	40 46	
Beef and pork,	34 70	
Butter,	118 06	
Wood and lumber,	73 50	
Eggs,	1 32	
Peas,	35	
		$510 37
Money by Mrs. Blaisdell of Louis Ladd's Est,		2 73
Money of H S Annis for hay of G W Cleveland,		5 00
		$518 10

Statement of Town Farm Account.

DR.

To stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1895,	$1409 31	
cash as paid as per this report,	1204 58	
due S T Farrington April 1, 1896,	50 00	
		$2663 89

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By stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1896,	$1034 00	
received from sources above named,	518 10	
		1552 10
		$1111 79

EXPENSES OF POOR AWAY FROM POOR FARM.

Paid in cash by overseer as per bills, ...	$223 32
by town orders, ...	76 50
Total expense, ...	$1411 61
But you will see we have made a needed cut in the appraisal from last year of	$395 31
And old bills have been paid to the amount of	14 88
	$410 19

Total expense of poor, $1001.42.

Taxpayers will notice that the large expense of poor away from poor house has been caused by the Cleveland, Jesseman and Mrs. Stoddard cases.

Abatement of Taxes.

ACCOUNT OF TAXES ABATED BY CIVIL AUTHORITY, JANUARY 4, 1896.

E H Achilles,	on list 1893,	....	$3 19
A W Chandler,	" "	....	59
J B Atwood,	" 1894,	....	3 67
Bell Shoe Co.,	" "	....	2 81
Geo W Berry,	" "	....	3 73
A W Chandler,	" "	....	3 73
H N Luce,	" "	....	3 73
Bell Shoe Co.,	" 1895,	....	2 71
A W Chandler,	" "	....	3 73
Ernest Hall,	" "	....	3 73
H E Roberts,	" "	by error in list,	66 81
J H Sprague,	" "	" "	39
			$98 82

Report of Trustees of Chelsea Public Library and Alden Speare Memorial Library Building.

At last annual meeting fifty dollars were appropriated to the library, of which sum ten dollars were soon after paid over to the selectmen, who had previously advanced that amount to pay for wood bought by the trustees. With the remaining forty dollars, and the opportune gift of Charles R. Corwin, over sixty dollars were laid out in new books. Recently, George S. Shaw, a wealthy lumber merchant of Cloquet, Minn., who was born in Chelsea, generously remembered his native town with a gift of one hundred dollars, whose only condition was that it be expended in buying books for the library. Here, also, we give the names of other non-residents who have since its foundation so kindly remembered the library by needed donations of money or books: Miss Harriet D. Hinckley, Boston, Mass. (by bequest), $100; William F. Dickinson, Aurora, Ill., $25; Matthew Hale, Albany, N. Y., $10; Charles R. Corwin, Somerville, Mass., $25; G. Manvo C. Hatch, Grinnell, Ia., $20; Charles Wyman, St. Albans, Vt., $25; Mrs. Ella F. Monteith, Colorado Springs, Col., $15; Mrs. Thomas Hale, Plainfield, N. J., files of Vt. Journal; Mrs. Perley Chandler, Barre, Vt., volumes of J. G. Austen's novels; Miss Caroline D. Jones, Oakland, Cal., bound volumes of Harper's and Atlantic magazines; Harry J. Corwin, Lowell, Mass., unbound magazines; Alden Speare, Newton, Mass., 130 volumes of books; John Wyman, Des Moines, Ia., books; Geo. Wyman, Stanstead, P. Q., bound and unbound volumes of magazines. Besides the forty-four volumes of "Records of the Union and Confederate Armies in the War of the Rebellion" donated by Senator Proctor through the friendly offices of our townsman, J. K. Darling, Esq., we have received two volumes of "Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion" by the courtesy of the Hon. H. H. Powers, M. C. from the First District, and also numerous volumes of public documents from Senator Morrill.

To the energy and public spirit of a few village ladies is due the elegant library table of quartered oak which now adorns the former

empty space within the large bay-window. During the summer, by request of several public-spirited citizens and two liberal non-residents then sojourning here, the reading-room was amply supplied with periodicals and kept open week-day evenings for some months, the trustees requiring that the library should be allowed to keep and bind for public circulation.all periodicals of permanent value. The expense, including light, heat and janitor work, was met by private subscription, C. P. Dickinson being treasurer of the fund raised and attending to its outlay. Owing to the considerable expense of maintenance and the scant patronage it then received, this reading room was, in January last, for a time discontinued, in compliance with a petition presented by subscribers to the fund. The librarian service continues as hitherto gratuitously rendered. Below is appended a statement of receipts and expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation by town,	$50 00	
Gift of Charles R Corwin,	25 00	
Gift of George S Shaw,	100 00	
From sale of photographs given by H L Bixby,	6 75	
From subscription,	25	
From fines paid,	7 85	
From sale of catalogues,	1 10	
		$190 95

EXPENDITURES.

Balance due treasurer at last settlement,	$ 69	
For books and express,	62 96	
For binding,	9 00	
For wood,	10 00	
For window screens,	7 07	
For supplies for library,	1 97	
		$91 69

Balance on hand, Feb. 10, 1896, $99 26.

J. B. BACON,
H. L. BIXBY,
J. M. COMSTOCK,
B. B. SHERMAN,
G. L. STOW,
} Trustees.

ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN.

Nathan G Hale, half expense of building sidewalk	$11 63
Alonzo Noyes, voting booths, etc.	4 00
J M Flint, services as lister past year	51 50
John M Comstock, services as school director past year	10 00
B B Sherman, services as supt. of schools past year	35 00
Sarah C Patterson, int. to Feb. 12, 1895, on orders Nos. 534, 544, 556	60 00
C S Emery, services as town clerk, town agent and money paid out	39 64
C P Dickinson, services as first selectman	50 00
E W Hood, services as lister, past year	48 00
W P Townsend, services as town clerk and auditor	6 00
C P Dickinson, check to W A Smith, print. town reports,	63 34
E N Bacon, services as lister and school director	64 00
J A R Corwin, services as auditor past year	5 00
A W Whitney, services as overseer of poor past year	50 00
H S Annis, services as selectman past year	8 00
Willard S Hatch, services as auditor past year	5 00
M C Allen, services as selectman past year	18 00
H W Dearborn, parsonage money due M E Church	19 50
L A Burbank, damage to mowing	5 00
A L Sprague, parsonage money due M E Ch., West Hill,	19 50
Laura R Fuller, money borrowed to pay town indebted's,	300 00
John M Comstock, taking census of sch. children for '95,	12 84
A E Bacon, bal. due for services on town farm past year,	50 00
O B Copeland, six months' interest on orders 260 to 267 and 356	90 00
A F Tracy, care, work and material furnished at town hall,	17 55
H W Spear, part pay for lumber	15 00
Ira Thompson, damage in passing through land	5 00
John N Sanborn, 2004 feet plank	20 04
L H Bohonon, 2558 feet plank	25 58
H W Spear, part pay for plank	10 00
Richard Kennedy, part pay for plank	25 00

W H Button, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness,	$100 00
J M Comstock, am't appropriated by town for pub. lib'y,	50 00
W P Townsend, state highway tax	229 10
W P Townsend, state school tax	229 10
H W Spear, balance in full for lumber	77 22
J B Bacon, services as town treasurer	10 00
F E Hood, work	7 00
H W Dearborn, work on hotel bridge and town hall	9 50
J O Perkins, work on sidewalk	1 50
W P Townsend, returns to state sup. for school children,	9 63
A Barnes, 1383 feet plank	13 83
Julius A Goodell, work in cemetery on Strafford road	1 00
Henry Clarke, part pay for work, self and team	5 00
Frank Larkin, work in cemetery on Strafford road	1 25
J O Perkins, work and dirt	10 62
F E Hood, part pay for work	10 00
J S Benham, agent, check to D T Mills & Co. and Reuben Ring & Co., liquors	162 01
A W Chandler, work	4 20
C P Dickinson, check to state treas. for excess liq. sale,	8 80
W C H Wallace, work on bridge	3 75
J M Comstock, three screens for town clerk's office	5 00
Harry Sargent, making roller	7 00
Fred W Smith, 5285 feet plank and boards	52 85
E E Densmore, breaking sidewalk, '94 and '95	5 00
C P Dickinson, check to A L Weeks, internal rev. tax	25 00
Horace Moxley, work on bridges	42 75
F E Hood, work	18 85
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co.	91 35
Alpheus Wood, work on bridges	7 50
A F Tracy, care of town hall	12 00
Richard Kennedy, pay for plank	28 45
C P Dickinson, check to C H Bigelow, surveying	5 00
J B Bacon, dam'e by lay. pent r'd through Humph. farm,	25 00
C P Dickinson, check to J H Pray Sons & Co	13 96
do do H A Blanchard & Co., liquor	167 67
do do Devereaux & Meserve, liquor	16 00
do do Climax Road Machine Co	17 00
do do D A Guptil, for sign	2 50
do do Geo H Manchester, for tile	4 50
Geo W Hersey, stringer	5 00
O B Copeland, work on town tax	10 00
O B Copeland, cash., int. on town orders Nos. 357-8-9	30 00

C P Dickinson, check to J S Benham, agent, for D T Mills & Co., alcohol	$111 33
York Whitney, work on Tracy bridge	11 25
Lyman Parkhurst, painting iron bridge and extra work,	10 50
J N Sanborn, labor and plank	8 05
C M Davis, work on Tracy bridge	10 30
F P Hall, work	3 75
C M Hall, work on bridges	16 50
Henry Clarke, coal for town hall	26 56
Horace Moxley, work, self, son and team	56 00
C A Dow, work	8 25
Charles Moulton, work	4 75
M O Gates, work	7 50
V A Flanders, damage by laying pent road through land,	10 00
C N Dearborn, work, self and team	2 50
O B Copeland, cash., int. to Sept. 18, 1895, on orders 260 to 267	80 00
Mrs A F Tracy, services of Alden Tracy at town hall and care of town clock half year	13 50
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	69 03
John W Bacon, tub for fountain	3 33
O B Copeland, cash., int. on order 356, to Oct. 8, 1895	10 00
J B Akerman, four cords wood	17 75
C P Dickinson, check to H A Blanchard & Co., liquor	25 17
W P Townsend, treas., two-thirds of state tax	367 62
H F Forrest, parsonage money due M E Church for 1896	19 50
Caroline M Hyde, int. on order No. 60, to Nov. 12, 1895,	25 45
Joseph Landon, care of town clock, quarter year, to Nov. 13, 1895	5 00
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall and library	17 25
C P Dickinson, check to M W Wheelock, books	1 80
do do W A Smith, cards and printing,	7 25
do do Tuttle Co., books	4 70
O P Bacon, repairing road machine	2 00
H S Fitts, work on bridges and in cemetery	28 35
W P Townsend, treas., er. in tax against T Godfrey's est.	18 77
N G Moore, damage, laying road through G W Cleveland's land	5 00
Henry Clarke, work with team	26 75
C S Emery, insurance on town hall and liquor	20 90
W D Hook, work turning stream near house	5 00
C P Dickinson, check to D T Mills & Co., alcohol	111 11
do do Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	75 65

Robt Ramsdell, one sheep killed by dogs	$2 00
C M Hunt, do do	2 00
Fred P Hall, do do	2 00
Caroline M Hyde, part pay of order No. 60	25 00
O B Copeland, int. on town orders	43 96
H F Mattoon, breaking roads in 1891	3 00
W H Luce, work on sidewalk and cutting ice	4 38
C P Dickinson, 1120 feet of plank	11 20
M O Coburn, work about town	15 30
F E Hood, work on bridges and ice	6 95
C P Dickinson, check to Butts & Ordway, hearse runners	26 65
L H Bohonon, two stringers	12 00
C P Dickinson, 525 feet of plank	5 25
H K Darling, collector, abatement of taxes, '93–'95	98 82
E O Mattoon, one sheep killed by dogs	2 00
Caroline M Hyde, part pay of order No. 60	25 00
C M Davis, work on bridges and ice	4 10
Willis Scales, one sheep killed by dogs	2 00
Townsend and Whitney, wagon pole for hearse	8 00
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	172 31
do do R E Deitz & Co., 2 street lamps,	6 00
do do M W Wheelock, order books	1 00
E O Tracy, goods and work	47 81
C E Godfrey, work	13 50
Willard S Hatch, goods for town	23 36
Timothy Sullivan, work	2 10
C P Dickinson, goods furnished town	52 97
Francis R Laird, one sheep killed by dogs	2 00
O B Copeland, cash., int. on school district No. 2 orders Nos. 49 and 50	52 80
Geo Hatch, care of town hall and library	11 00
N S Bixby, care of lamp and digging graves	12 00
Horace Moxley, labor with team and money paid out	15 75
B H Adams, Jr., driving hearse	52 50
W M Mattoon, labor with team	5 50
W H Hill, labor	2 55
E O Tracy, goods furnished town	12 88
C P Dickinson, cash paid out for town	147 16
F T Beckwith, 290 feet plank	2 90
Alonzo Noyes, salary as town agent and frt. on liquor	120 98

ORDERS DRAWN BY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

196	Henry B Lyford, transportation of scholars	$15 00
197	Clarence D Stevens, care of school house No. 12	3 00
198	Eliza S Carr, teaching 10 weeks in No. 10 with board	60 00
199	Arthur Rogers, care of school house No. 17	2 75
200	Ethel George, do do do 10	2 00
201	W F Dewey, wood for school No. 12	8 40
202	Geo C Eaton, do do 15	8 00
203	W H Alger, do do 5	7 50
205	Wm A Reed, do do 1	7 50
206	do do do do 7	7 50
207	John M Comstock, cash paid for order book and sundries	1 52
208	John N Sanborn, repairs and building fires No 15	5 00
209	A S Camp, wood and building fires No. 11	4 50
210	W H Alger, wood for school No. 17	7 92
211	H J Kingsbury, wood for school No. 8	10 00
212	Fred W Smith, repairs on school house No. 5	1 00
213	Mrs F A Tracy, cleaning school house No. 17	2 00
214	Lydia Goodell, do do do 10	2 00
215	W P Townsend, Treas., tuition of scholars in Chelsea Academy	345 00
216	Emma M Hood, cleaning school houses Nos. 1, 7, 8, 11 and 12	8 00
217	Carlton Slack, transportation of scholars	2 00
218	Geo F D French, repairs on school house No. 13	2 85
219	Emma M Hood, cleaning school house No. 5	1 50
220	Bernice S Stevens, teaching 4 weeks in No. 11	16 00
221	Mrs W H Hill, cleaning school house No. 13	2 00
222	John B Bacon, quarter M shingles for No. 13	63
223	Fred Copeland, ringing bell summer term	1 00
224	Mrs E A George, boarding teacher 9 weeks	13 50
225	Jennie May Peck, teaching 9 weeks in No 7	40 50
226	Ada J. Sherburne, teaching 10 weeks in No. 17	47 00
227	Ursula E Bates, teaching 9 weeks in No. 5	37 15

228	Harriet N Lewis, teaching 9 weeks in No. 12	$37 50
229	Kate Mehuron, teaching 9 weeks in No. 8	37 15
230	Addie M French, teaching 9 weeks in No. 10 with board	49 50
231	Sarah W Sherman, teaching 9 weeks in No. 2 with board	72 00
232	J H Griffin, transportation of scholars	22 50
233	Amelia Wallace, care of school house No. 2	1 00
234	Martha L Noyes, teaching 9 weeks in No. 1 with board	49 50
235	Mrs Henry Lyford, transportation of scholars	25 00
236	Emily F. Densmore, teaching 5 weeks in No. 11	20 00
237	Sarah J Bixby, board of teacher 10 weeks	25 00
238	J A Stanley, board of Carrie Magoon's girl 10 weeks	7 50
239	Mrs. H A Kingsbury, board of teacher 9 weeks	18 00
240	Clara J Ladd, teaching 9 weeks in No. 15 with board	49 50
241	Hattie H Dearborn, teaching 9 weeks in No. 13 with board	36 00
242	G C Bowin, board of teacher 9 weeks and oil furnished	18 25
243	Wm C Austin, repairs on school house No. 10	1 00
244	G F D French, repairs and cleaning school house No. 2	11 95
245	H S Annis, shingling school house No. 9	33 68
246	Flora M Corwin, pasting labels in school books	1 00
247	A S Camp, board of teacher 9 weeks and wood for No. 11	20 16
248	Geo Hutchinson, lumber for book cases	9 75
249	E G Thorne, 10 M shingle for No. 2	25 00
250	C N Dearborn, work shingling school house No. 2	7 75
251	E W Hood, quarter M shingle for No. 2	63
252	E M Smith, one and three-eights M shingle for No. 2	3 44
253	Geo Hutchinson, work shingling school house No. 2	7 75
254	Geo F D French, repairing school house No. 10	2 65
255	do do work shingling school house No. 2	7 25
256	H O Bixby, express on school books	3 60
257	J A R Corwin, nails for shingling school house No. 2	2 40
258	Alonzo Noyes, freight on school books	4 79
259	Ursula E Bates, teaching 9 weeks in No. 5	47 15
260	Harriet N Lewis, teaching 9 weeks in No. 12	46 00
261	Addie M French, teaching 9 weeks in No. 10 with board	49 50
262	Ralph Gilman, care of school house No. 5	2 00
263	H J Kingsbury, board of teacher 9 weeks	18 00

264	Jennie May Peak, teaching 9 weeks in No. 7	$49 50
265	E A George, board of teacher 9 weeks	18 00
266	G H Bacon, board of teacher 9 weeks	22 50
267	Sarah J Bixby, board of teacher 10 weeks	27 50
268	Ada J Sherburne, teaching 10 weeks in No. 17	52 00
269	Henry Lyford, transportation of scholars	9 00
270	Clara A Goodwin, board of teacher 9 weeks	18 00
271	Emily F Densmore, teaching 10 weeks in No. 11	45 00
272	John A Stanley, board of Carrie Magoon's girl 10 weeks	7 50
273	Martha L Noyes, teaching 10 weeks in No. 1 with board	62 50
274	Hattie H Dearborn, teaching 9 weeks in No. 8	40 50
275	J H. Griffin, transportation of scholars	30 00
276	Frank W Button, care of school house and other work in No. 2	6 71
277	Lena E Spaulding, teaching 12 weeks in No. 2 with board	103 50
278	Lillian M Wells, teaching 11 weeks in No. 2 with board	95 00
279	John M Comstock, teaching 12 weeks in High School	300 00
280	do do cash paid for printing, express, etc.	4 40
281	Clara J Laird, teaching 9 weeks in No. 15	54 00
282	Fred J Smith, board of teacher 9 weeks	22 50
283	Chas E Godfrey, making 10 book cases	14 00
284	C C Cross, transportation of scholars	5 00
285	O B Copeland, text books	449 05
286	Albert S Camp, board of teacher 10 weeks	15 00
287	C S Emery, insurance assessment	12 92
288	Geo F D French, repairs on school house No. 10	3 65
289	Mrs E A George, care of school house No 7	1 00
290	F H Tracy, repairs on school house No. 17	75
291	C S Emery, insurance policy on school houses	18 40
292	Ada J Sherburne, teaching 8 weeks in No. 17	42 00
293	Mrs F H Tracy, board of teacher 8 weeks	22 00
294	Herman C Davis, care of school house No. 17 for yr.	7 50
295	A R Hood & Son., school supplies	25
296	W H Alger, part payment wood for No. 2	5 00
297	F R Fitts, instruction of scholars in Vershire and use of books	12 75
298	Alonzo Noyes, freight on school books	1 32
299	C P Dickinson, school supplies	1 77
300	E O Tracy, school supplies	6 29

301	Martha L Noyes, teaching 9 weeks in No. 1 with board	$56 25
302	Frank W Button, care of school house No. 2	8 00
303	Kate Mehuron, teaching 10 weeks in No. 3	53 30
304	H J Kingsbury, board of teacher 10 weeks, No. 8	20 00
305	do building fires in No. 8	2 50
306	Lena E Spalding, teaching 10 weeks, High school	87 50
307	Lillian M Wells, teaching 10 weeks, No. 2	87 50
308	J M Comstock, teaching 10 weeks in High school	250 00
309	H L Bixby, cash paid out for incidentals	5 85
310	C M Davis, work done in No. 17	75
311	Clarence D Stearns, care of school-house No. 12	2 75
312	Frank Hackett, transportation of scholars	20 00
313	Harriet N Lewis, teaching 10 weeks in No. 12	62 75
314	Alma F Adams, teaching 10 weeks in No. 5 with b'd,	70 00
315	J A R Corwin, school supplies	5 93
316	E A Corwin, paid for order book and chimney	60
317	Alvah Carpenter, banking school-house No. 8	2 00
318	W S Hatch, paint for book cases	3 36
319	O B Copeland, cashier, checks to pay for sch. books,	149 26
320	J H Griffin, transportation of scholars	25 00
321	Mrs C W Davis, teaching 10 weeks in No. 7	50 00
322	E A George, board of teacher 10 weeks	20 00
323	Addie French, teaching 10 weeks in No. 10	50 00
324	C W Bixby, board of teacher 10 weeks, No. 10	25 00
325	Geo H Bacon, do do No. 12	25 00
326	Clara Laird, teaching 10 weeks in No. 15, with b'd	65 00
327	Eunice Moulton, do No. 11	40 00
328	A S Camp, board of teacher 9 weeks, No. 11	15 00

REPORT OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

At the beginning of the present school year your school directors, by the advice of our state superintendent, formed a joint board of the academy trustees and school directors for the control of the academy, a custom which we would advise our successors to continue, as it will in no way injure our academy, but will promote unity and harmony through-

out the town in maintaining the same, and legally entitle both schools in the academy to their share of the 5 per ct. state school tax.

We have maintained wholly or in part twelve legal schools the past year, and also nine weeks' school in No. 13, which have incurred a total cost of $3,395.86.

To meet this expenditure we have had to draw from the town tax of 50 cents $2,297.60; rent of school land, $31.50; Huntington fund, $46.87; state school tax, $446.62; tuition from other towns, exclusive of tuition paid academy, $49.25: total, $2,871.84.

The expenditures, exclusive of the amount paid for text-books, exceed the receipts by $524.02.

Hearing some complaint of the care we were taking of our new school books, we concluded to have them inspected and counted at the close of the winter term. All were found in good condition excepting the primary speller, which showed wear, and seven more books found than were ordered and paid for, being books given by Mr. Comstock, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Bixby. Our superintendent has now a complete record of all the books owned by the town, which can be seen by calling on him. Pupils are expected to leave the town books at the school-houses at the close of each term, and are not allowed to take them home through vacation; but any one wishing to purchase books can get them of Mr. Sherman.

Following is a list in detail of our schools, teachers and expenses for the past year:

No. 1.—Martha L Noyes, teaching 28 w., with b'd,	$168 25		
Cleaning	1 50		
W A Reed, wood	7 50	$177 25	
No. 2.—Mrs S W Sherman, teach. 9 w., with b'd,	$72 00		
Lillian M Wells, do 21 do	182 50		
Care of school-house	2 71		
Cleaning	3 00		
Repairs	63 17		
W H Alger, wood	5 00	328 38	

No. 5.—Ursula E Bates, teaching 18 weeks	$84 30		
Alma F Adams, teaching 10 w. with board,	70 00		
G C Bowin, board	18 00		
Fred W Smith, board	22 50		
Care	2 00		
Cleaning	1 50		
Repairs	1 00		
Oil	25		
W H Alger, wood	7 50—	$207 05	
No. 7.—Jennie M Peck, teaching 18 weeks	$90 00		
Mrs C W Davis, do 10 do	50 00		
E A George, board	51 50		
Cleaning	2 00		
Care	1 00		
W A Reed, wood	7 50—	202 00	
No. 8.—Kate Mehuron, teaching 19 weeks	$90 45		
Hattie H Dearborn, teaching 9 weeks	40 50		
Mrs H A Kingsbury, board	56 00		
H J Kingsbury, wood	10 00		
Cleaning	1 50		
Care	4 50—	202 95	
No. 10.—Addie M French, teaching 18 w., with b'd,	$99 00		
do do 10 w.,	50 00		
C W Bixby, board	25 00		
Repairs	7 30		
Cleaning	2 00—	183 30	
No. 11.—Mrs Bernice L Stevens, teaching 4 weeks,	$16 00		
Mrs Emily F Densmore, do 15 do	65 00		
Eunice Moulton, do 10 do	40 00		
A S Camp, board	43 50		
do wood	8 16		
Care	3 00		
Cleaning	1 50—	177 16	
No. 12.—Harriet N Lewis, teaching 28 weeks	$146 75		
Geo H Bacon, board	47 50		
C W Goodwin, do	18 00		
W F Dewey, wood	8 40		
Cleaning	1 50		
Care	2 75—	224 90	
No. 13.—Hattie H Dearborn, teach. 9 w., with b'd,	$36 00		
Repairs	3 48		
Cleaning	2 00—	41 48	

No. 15.—Clara J Laird, teaching 23 w., with b'd	$163 50		
Geo C Eaton, wood	8 00		
Repairs	2 00		
Care	3 00—	$181 50	
No. 17.—Ada J Sherburne, teaching 28 weeks	$141 00		
Mrs Sarah J Bixby, board	52 50		
Mrs F H Tracy, board	22 00		
W H Alger, wood	7 92		
Cleaning	2 00		
Repairs	1 50		
Care	7 50—	234 42	
Chelsea Academy and High School:			
Cost of spring term	$345 00		
J M Comstock, teaching 22 w., with b'd,	550 00		
Lena E Spalding, do do	191 00		
Care of school house	14 00		
	$1100 00		
Less tuition rec'd from out of town scholars $79 50			
Less am't due from academy fund, 70 00—	149 50		
Net cost			950 50
Miscellaneous.—Carlton Slack, transportation	$2 00		
J H Griffin, do	77 50		
Henry Lyford, do	34 00		
C C Cross, do	5 00		
Frank Hackett, do	20 00		
Book cases for school books	27 11		
Shingling school house No. 9	33 68		
Insurance	31 32		
Tuition & use of books in Versh'e,	12 75		
B'd of Carrie Magoon's girl in W.	15 00		
Incidentals	26 61—	284 97	
Total cost of schools			$3395 86

Total cost of text-books including frt. and express, $609.02.

H. L. BIXBY,
E. N. BACON,
E. A. CORWIN,
School Directors.

Outstanding Orders.

1890.		NO.			
Mar.	25	534	Sarah C Patterson	$1100 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	44 00	$1144 00
May	3	544	Sarah C Patterson	200 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	8 00	208 00
Aug.	19	553	E S Harrington	265 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	58 10	323 10
	22	556	Sarah C Patterson	200 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	8 00	208 00
1893.					
June	5	48	Clara J Laird	250 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	26 86	276 86
July	21	60	Caroline M Hyde	611 61	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	6 20	617 81
1894.					
May	28	189	W H Button	625 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	42 71	667 71
June	6	198	Clara J Laird	100 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	6 70	106 70
	9	199	Jane Laird	200 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	13 40	213 40
July	5	208	Katie E Laird	300 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	19 23	319 23
Sept.	1	246	Ellen K Taplin	100 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	5 79	105 79
	18	261	Nat. Bank Orange County	500 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	8 06	508 06
	18	262	Nat. Bank Orange County	500 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	8 06	508 06
	18	263	Nat. Bank Orange County	500 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	8 06	508 06
	18	264	Nat. Bank Orange County	500 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	8 06	508 06
	18	265	Nat. Bank Orange County	500 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	8 06	508 06
	18	266	Nat. Bank Orange County	500 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	8 06	508 06
	18	267	Nat. Bank Orange County	500 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	8 06	508 06

Oct. 8	356	Nat. Bank Orange County	$500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	6 86	$506 86
1895.				
Feb. 6	357	Nat. Bank Orange County	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	33	500 33
6	358	Nat. Bank Orange County	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	33	500 33
6	359	Nat. Bank Orange County	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	33	500 33
1893.				
Jan. 13	49	Sch. Dist. No. 2, order	555 90	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 5 per ct	2 32	558 2
14	50	Sch. Dist. No. 2, order	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 5 per ct	2 02	502 02
1895.				
Mar. 26	21	Laura R Fuller	300 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	10 60	310 60
May 7		W H Button	100 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	3 07	103 07
				$11228 78

1893. ORDERS HELD IN CEMETERY FUND.

April 22	44	Horace Moxley	$19 50	
Mar. 27	34	W H Emery	48 52	
25	25	W C Austen	42 87	
25	26	M C Allen	42 85	
25	27	J M Flint	25 78	
25	29	E N Bacon	44 89	
25	31	L H Bohonon	27 68	
25	22	Rufus Brown	29 65	
28	37	Horace Moxley	38 93	
31	40	Hiram Luce	39 78	
25	30	Hiram Luce	24 45	
April 1	41	Ellen S Cooley	10 00	
17	4	H W Dearborn	12 00	
12	43	H W Dearborn	19 50	
12	1	J A R Corwin	1 30	
1894.				
April 24	103	C P Abbott	2 00	
11	2	O P Bacon	22 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '96, 4 per ct	50 41	
				502 11

1894.				
Oct. 4	275	A F Tracy	$5 00	
1895.				
Feb. 4	2	Alonzo Noyes	4 00	
1896.				
Feb. 1	138	Timothy Sullivan	2 10	
4	146	W M Mattoon	5 50	
4	147	W H Hill	2 55	
Jan. 30	15	A R Hood & Son	10 70	
Feb. 6	22	S T Farrington	35 00	
				$64 85
		ROAD COMMISSIONER.		
1895.				
Oct. 26	131	J M Druge	$7 24	
1896.				
Jan. 30	183	W H Luce	1 88	
31	184	Timothy Sullivan	12 85	
31	185	Timothy Sullivan	12 64	
				34 61
		SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ORDERS.		
1895.				
Oct. 21	258	Alonzo Noyes	$4 79	
1896.				
Jan. 30	295	A R Hood & Son	25	
Feb. 6	302	Frank W Button	8 00	
8	309	H L Bixby	5 85	
8	316	E A Corwin	60	
8	318	W S Hatch	3 36	
8	319	O B Copeland	149 26	
10	321	Chas W Davis	50 00	
10	322	E A George	20 00	
10	323	Addie French	50 00	
10	324	C W Bixby	25 00	
10	325	Geo H Bacon	25 00	
10	326	Clara Laird	65 00	
10	327	Eunice D Moulton	40 00	
10	328	A S Gamp	15 00	
8	320	J H Griffin	25 00	
				487 11
		Total outstanding orders		$12317 46

Bills Approved by Auditors.

W P Townsend, town clerk	$13 50	
C P Dickinson, selectman	50 00	
Horace Moxley, do	10 00	
E D Barnes, overseer	50 00	
W P Townsend, town treasurer	10 00	
E W Hood, lister	28 50	
Alvah Carpenter, do	24 00	
H T Walker, do	27 00	
H L Bixby, school director	6 00	
E N Bacon, do	5 00	
E A Corwin, do	10 00	
B B Sherman, superintendent	46 00	
C S Emery, town agent	5 00	
J A R Corwin, auditor	5 00	
W S Hatch, do	5 00	
C S Emery, do	5 00	
		$300 00

Report of Town Treasurer.

Would respectfully report that since the last annual meeting there has been paid by the treasurer 493 orders, drawn by the selectmen, overseer of the poor, school directors and road commis'r.

Paid 176 selectmen and overseer of the poor's orders	$6664 82
184 road commissioner's orders	1905 38
143 school directors' orders	4614 90
Allowed to taxpayers 4 per ct. on the amount paid to the treasurer before the expiration of 90 days	286 25
treasurer 1 per ct. for collecting the same	68 70
treasurer for issuing 125 warrants at 5c. each	6 25
treasurer for sending notices to taxpayers	2 00
Paid 14 fox bounties at 60c. each	8 40
Am't due on W P Townsend's tax receipt of Nov. 27, 1893,	3 81
do do Dec. 12, 1894,	17 98
H K Darling's do Dec. 3, 1895,	260 84
highway acc't in settlement of Feb. 8, 1895, as per auditor's report	686 82
Balance in town treasury at this date	252 53
	$14,778 68

CONTRA, CREDIT.

Received the following:

Am't in treas'y on town acc't per aud's' rep't of Feb. 8, '95,	$2790 52
do on sch. acc't do do do	533 54
Selectmen, borrowed of Laura R Fuller, at 4 per ct	300 00
do do W H Button, do	100 00
do money left in building committee's hands	81 00
Alonzo Noyes, town agent, sale of liquors	1337 06
State treasurer, bounty on foxes	26 40
Due on W P Townsend's tax rec't of Nov. 27, '93, per au. rep.	15 64
do do do Dec. 12, '94, do.	295 76
Town clerk, dog licenses, less fees	94 00
Town tax of 100c. on the dollar	4595 20

Selectmen, use of town hall, and grass on lawn		$135 50
do	parsonage money	27 76
do	cash paid N S Bixby, care of Grow lot	3 00
do	money paid out by town for public library	10 00
do	received for Cole circus	3 00
do	received of Mrs Mattoon for 219 feet plank	2 19
do	received of Alonzo Noyes, license book and ex.	2 65
do	received of Aiken Edwards, lot 15 in W H cem.	5 00
do	in part, due from Grow fund	4 50
do	paid out for Highland cemetery	61 25
Sale of Centennial reports		1 75
State treasurer, Huntington fund		46 87
Town of Randolph, tuition		7 00
Town of Brookfield, tuition		4 50
Town of Washington, tuition		20 00
State treasurer, twelve legal schools, maintained during the school year ending March 31, 1895		446 62
J M Comstock, tuition for spring and fall terms in C. acad.		43 50
School tax of 50c. on a dollar		2297 60
Selectmen, school land tax		31 50
J M Comstock, school books sold		2 50
do	tuition in part for win. t., '95–6, Chel. acad.	36 00
Town of Brookfield, tuition		7 00
State treasurer, for 81 miles of the total mileage of the state to May 15, 1895		483 63
Highway tax of 20c. on the dollar		919 04
Due the town by the state for twelve fox bounties		7 20
		$14,778 68

W. P. TOWNSEND, Town Treas.

Resources and Liabilities of the Town, Feb. 12, '96.

Liabilities.

Outstanding orders and interest	$12,317 46	
Bills approved by auditors	300 00	
Balance due S. T. Farrington & wife, services on town farm	50 00	
		$12,667 46

Resources.

Value of liquor on hand	$386 18	
Rent due on lease land	49 77	
Due on W P Townsend, tax rec't, '93,	3 81	
do do do '94,	17 98	
do H K Darling, do '95,	260 84	
Due from S B Hebard's Est.	50 00	
Cash in treasurer's hands	252 53	
		1,021 11
Excess of liabilities		$11,646 35

Auditors' Report.

The undersigned auditors have examined the accounts of the selectmen, overseer of the poor, school directors, road commissioner, town clerk and treasurer, and liquor agent, and find proper vouchers for all payments.

On examination of the treasurer's accounts we find as follows:

In the hands of the treasurer, of the general fund,		$1893 51
Due the treasurer on highway account,	$502 71	
do do school do	1138 27	
		1640 98
Leaving in the hands of the treasurer,		$252 53

We find in the hands of the treasurer on account of the cemetery fund, $863.89.

J. A. CORWIN,
WILLARD S. HATCH, } Auditors.
CURTIS S. EMERY,

To the Taxpayers of Chelsea.

I beg to report that there is no litigation pending in which the town of Chelsea is interested.

CURTIS S. EMERY, Town Agent.

The excess of liabilities over resources at the close of the present fiscal year, as the foregoing report will show, is $11,646.25, while last year's report showed $10,362.03, making an increase of $1,284.32, which may be accounted for as follows :

There has been expended by the school directors in excess of the 50c. tax assessed	1292 44
There has been expended by the road commissioner, in excess of the 20c. tax assessed	523 79
There has been expended for support of poor more than last year	266 68

The balance of excess over last year may be accounted for in the above three items, otherwise 100 cts. on a dollar, town tax, would have reduced the town indebtedness 798.59.

C. P. DICKINSON,
HORACE MOXLEY,
H. S. FITTS,
} Selectmen of Chelsea.

School Superintendent's Report.

The usual village schools and eight besides have been maintained throughout the year of twenty-eight weeks, under sixteen teachers, including the principal and preceptress of the academy.

These schools were held in districts 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 15. District 13 was granted a spring term of school for six pupils, three of whom had previously attended in district 2.

Add one child under age, and 248 local pupils with 18 from the vicinage — 266 in all, have received public instruction during the year.

Pupils properly enrolled in district schools:

From Chelsea	189	
Brookfield	2	
Randolph	2	
Washington	6	199

Pupils properly enrolled in higher department of Chelsea Academy:

From Chelsea,—J. M. Comstock	40	
Chelsea,—L. E. Spalding	18	
Brookfield	3	
So. Royalton	1	
Tunbridge	2	
Williamstown	2	66
Unenrolled		1
		266

From this number, despite much epidemic sickness, death has taken but one—his annual tax for the last five successive years.

Districts 11 and 15 show the smallest enrolment of Chelsea pupils. The smallest attendance in proportion to the enrolment is found in district 10.

A town school was held July 4, in which the pupils from the various sections participated creditably. If one or two schools gained unusual encomiums for brilliant work, it must be remembered that they had spent time principally upon the exercises assigned, while others had not neglected the usual studies of the term in the special preparation. To give the pupils self-command and make both parents and pupils acquainted with the merits of the several schools and the methods of the teachers,—to afford social intercourse and appropriate observance of the time were the objects sought; and it seems desirable to repeat this experiment with variations on each succeeding Independence Day.

Fortnightly teachers' meetings have been held during the winter term, and only one teacher has been absent from all. The superintendent would recommend that the directors, in contracting with teachers and the parties who furnish their board, secure from the former agreement to attend at least three teachers' meetings per term of the school year, and from the latter pledges of transportation; also that the directors offer special inducements to such teachers as shall attend some one of the state summer schools and furnish certificate of such attendance.

In illustration of the branches taught, some books have been drawn from the public library; and much greater advantage of its stores might be taken under the privilege granted by the trustees. None better than the teachers can introduce their pupils to good reading and familiarize

the students with the use of the library along school lines. In shaping the future inquiries of our youth, this is quite as essential as accurate and full tuition in the school-room. And here I will farther suggest that while the public library is growing rightly and plentifully in direct provision for our boys and girls, the specific wants of our teachers as a class are unsupplied. We may as ill spare books that teach the teacher as those that help the farmer.

This is the end of the first year's service of public text-books. Nearly $607.00 have been expended, and a stock of over 1300 books of all kinds, exclusive of writing-books, has been purchased. Of these 266 are still in repository. All volumes have durable covers save the primary spellers, which represent but $16.00 of the bill. And with the understanding that the books remain during vacation in the several school-buildings, at least three years should elapse before there is need of duplication. They have been handled quite as carefully as books privately owned. More than this can hardly be expected.

I would recommend for economy of time and improvement in discipline that the town supply for sale by the teachers at cost price penholders, pens, pencils, drawing-rulers and spelling-blanks; that at an expense of $2.00 per school, or $20.00 in all, each teacher be furnished for instruction in drawing with a box of geometrical solids; and at an additional expense of $3.50 that every school receive an A. and C. pitchpipe for such elementary work in music as may be attempted.

And now a final word on graded schools. Have we not had enough of the other kind? The trouble with an ungraded school system is that we can get less for more money than in any other way, Such a system wears out a teacher's strength, dribbles away her time, prolongs the pupil's course, and helps only the bright ones. If we wish good

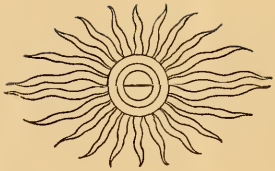
teachers, we must pay their market price, and the best teachers are getting out of ungraded work with all speed. The evil of the present condition may be shown by a single instance; and let me premise that neither parents nor pupils have probably given a thought to the moral aspects of the case, nor have they realized the forbearance of the directors in such a matter. The instance is that of a school in which some pupils must have learned Greenleaf's arithmetic by heart; and yet the teacher is expected to hear from them an arithmetic recitation precisely as before the adoption of the town system. Is not this an injustice to younger pupils who are defrauded of just so much time? Is it not an injury to the teachers whose every leisure moment gained here might be devoted to the preparation of other lessons? Is it not an unfair draft upon the taxpayers?

The increase of farm tenants over farm owners makes it hard to say what school-buildings should be kept and what sold. Unfortunately our best buildings are situated in districts deserted by school population. And still more unfortunately they cannot be transported. At the points too where we need the best buildings we have, in some respects, the most unsuitable. But if our schools are to keep pace with those of surrounding towns,—if we are to have economic administration of school funds,—if we are to put the best teaching work where it ought to be done—at the very beginning, we must adopt some comparatively inexpensive system of grading.

There are between 45 and 50 pupils of grammar grade in town. These might easily be accommodated in schoolhouses 1 and 17. Pupils of lower grade now attending these schools would in the former case be divided between districts 7 and 11, and in the latter might be transported to the primary department of the academy, where an assistant would be needed. The same conveyance which brought

the primary and intermediate pupils from the upper village could take the grammar pupils back. The expense of an assistant in No. 2 might be met by the discontinuance of the school in No. 10. An agreement with some of the milk carriers could be made whereby wagons, half freight, half passenger, might serve for transportation. This plan is most feasible, most cheap, does away with but one school, relieves the congestion of the higher department of the academy, and assures the best work of the entire teaching force. To arrange for transportation is the most arduous task, but it lies chiefly along main highways.

BARKER B. SHERMAN,
Town Supt. of Schools.



BIRTHS.

1895.	Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
Jan. 7.	William Henry Rogers.	Perly W. & Alice L.
19.	Frank Glenn Allen.	A. Wilford & Jennie G.
20.	. . . Cleveland.	Gustus W. & J. S.
30.	Alice Rose Emery.	Walter H. & Lucy E.
Feb. 6.	Verna Burgess.	Elisha & Nellie A.
18.	Harold Elwin Larkin.	Frank E. & Virginia M.
19.	Lewis Dean Lucas.	Lewis N. Jr. & Nellie S.
21.	Clyde Jesseman.	Ira A. & Emma B.
Mar. 12.	Roy Burnham Pierce.	John C. & Mary A.
13.	Bessie Ellen Flint.	Harrie O. & Nellie A.
15.	. . . Dickinson.	Charles P. & May L.
May 18.	Clara Margaret Little.	Philip J. & Mary E.
June 12.	Esther Ervilla Smith.	Fred W. & Alice L.
July 27.	Grace Watson Densmore.	Eugene E. & Demis M.
Aug. 2.	Russell Griffith Corwin.	Ernest A. & Jessie B.
4.	Neva Marion Bohonon.	Leslie H. & Clara M.
9.	. . . Langmaid.	George B. & Josie M.
11.	Clarence Warren Goss.	Willie C. & Alice M.
12.	Bessie M. Buzzell.	Clinton L. & Lettie J.
28.	. . . Harwood.	Evrett L. & Alice L.
Sept. 11.	Laura Blanche Reed.	Elmer G. & Phebe J.
Oct. 8.	John Flanders.	John H. & Addie L.
Nov. 28.	Clyde Hubbard Wallace.	Wm. C. H. & Alvira.
30.	Ruth Agnes Stevens.	Charles P. & Bernice L.
Dec. 12.	James Eugene Kennedy.	Eugene H. & Ella M.

MARRIAGES.

1895.

Mar. 15. Charles Frederick Doyle, of Chelsea, to Hattie Emma Parkhurst, of Chelsea.

April 6. Herbert Wright Garvin, of Chelsea, to Nellie J. Clough, of Washington.

May 1. Charles S. Coulter, of N. Towanda, Pa., to Hattie E. Stevens, of Chelsea.

June 1. Willie E. Bacon, of Chelsea, to Ida M. Cosgrove, of Chelsea.

July 4. William Button, of Chelsea, to Effie Cross, of Chelsea.

24. J. K. Darling, of Chelsea, to Angolette M. Dow, of Chelsea.

Oct. 24. Erastus Bugbee, of Chelsea, to Pauline Jones, of Chelsea.

Dec. 25. Willis H. Lincoln, of Chelsea, to Addie Waldo, of Brookfield.

DEATHS.

1895.	Name.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Jan. 19.	Abel Merrill.	83	9	17
Feb. 3.	Hiram N. Luce.	59	8	
14.	William Roberts.	77	2	27
14.	Harry W. Bacon.	19	6	14
Mar. 7.	Charles Fremont Edwards.		2	7
8.	. . . Cleveland.		1	16
11.	Betsey D. (Davis) Montague.	88	2	8
12.	Eddy Tracy.	85	6	7
16.	. . . Dickinson.			1
17.	Lewis Dean Lucas.			26
Apr. 1.	Frank C. Robbins.	40	7	12
17.	Zebulon March.	88		19
18.	Harriet Bixby.	74	5	13
23.	Mary Alma (Wyman) Morris.	73	7	18
24.	Ada Belle (Smith) Kenison.	25	11	
May 3.	Kate Caroline (Cobb) Hardy.	44	5	
13.	Edson Titus.	76	6	5
14.	Rosa Belle Goodell.	18	11	9
28.	Joel Hersey.			
June 13.	Louise Ladd.	54	11	
July 5.	Melinda (LeSeur) Edwards.	57	4	1
22.	Alden Francis Tracy.	57	9	28
25.	Charles L. Roberts.	51	10	15
Aug. 7.	. . . Sleeper.		1	5
15.	. . . Langmaid.			6
15.	Ira Hood.	85		2

Aug 15.	Elvira (Hood) Stevens.	69	9	10
16.	Fannie M. (Roberts) Spear.	61	7	25
30.	Henry C. Birchmore.			
Sept 12.	Olive (Hanson) Keyes.	66	9	15
14.	Mary (Butman) Wright.	77	5	1
22.	Florence Nellie Simons.		4	14
30.	Bessie M. Buzzell.		1	18
Oct. 16.	Judith (Scribner) Gould.	87	4	10
23.	Salmon Martin Keyes.	68	3	21
24.	Ernest Story Hall.	22	9	12
Nov 11.	Charles C. Locke.	58	10	
11.	Lettie J. (Woodw'd) Buzzell.	26	6	14
18.	Lucy Walker (Davis) Smith.	49	11	3
25.	Albert W. Chandler.	39	4	
Dec. 29.	Harriet N. (Hovey) Bacon.	80	1	
31.	Oliver Davenport.	91	4	22

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TOWN MEETING WARNING.

The legal voters of the town of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, in Chelsea, on TUESDAY, the 2d day of March, A.D. 1897, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz:

1. To choose a moderator.

2. To choose a town clerk.

3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several town officers.

4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5. To raise money to pay the indebtedness of the town, and to defray the expenses for the ensuing year.

6. To see if the town will vote to put its tax-bills into the town treasurer's hands for collection, in accordance with the law relating thereto.

7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the support of the public library.

8. To see if the town will vote to instruct the road commissioner as follows, viz:

The road commissioner is hereby instructed, at his earliest convenience after his election and qualification, to divide the town into such number of districts as shall be beneficial to the working of the highways in said districts, (which numbers shall not be less than eight,) and to appoint in each of said districts a good, competent agent, who shall have charge of the working of and caring for the highways in his particular district, under the supervision of the road commissioner,—said agents to employ as many men in their respective districts as shall be necessary to properly care for and work the highways therein.

9. To transact any other proper business.

C. P. DICKINSON,
HORACE MOXLEY,
H. S. FITTS,
} Selectmen of Chelsea.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 16, 1897.

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Town Officers for the Year 1896–97.

Moderator,	J. M. COMSTOCK
Clerk,	W. P. TOWNSEND
Selectmen,	C. P. DICKINSON HORACE MOXLEY H. S. FITTS
Treasurer,	W. P. TOWNSEND
Overseers of Poor,	SELECTMEN
First Constable,	ALONZO NOYES
Road Commissioner,	A. W. WHITNEY
Collector of Taxes,	C. E. GODFREY
Listers,	ALVAH CARPENTER HORACE WALKER F. I. WHITNEY
Auditors,	C. S. EMERY J. A. R. CORWIN W. S. HATCH
Trustee Public Money,	W. P. TOWNSEND
School Directors, Three years,	E. A. CORWIN
School Directors, Two years,	E. N. BACON
School Directors, One year,	FRED MOXLEY
Town Superintendent,	B. B. SHERMAN
Clerk,	J. M. COMSTOCK
Trustees Public Library, Five years,	G. L. STOW
Trustees Public Library, Four years,	J. B. BACON
Trustees Public Library, Three years,	H. L. BIXBY
Trustees Public Library, Two years,	J. M. COMSTOCK
Trustees Public Library, One year,	B. B. SHERMAN
Town Grand Jurors,	E. O. TRACY P. J. LITTLE ORCUTT BIXBY
Fence Viewers,	SELECTMEN
Inspector of Leather,	WILLIS SCALES
Inspector of Lumber and Shingles,	FRANK BECKWITH
Town Agent,	C. S. EMERY

Road Commissioner's Report.

BREAKING ROADS.

E G Thorne,			$2 40
R A Lyon,			3 81
J H Griffin,			7 26
J A Tracy,			2 50
M E Camp,			5 31
J M Druge,			5 12
J B Cosgrove,			6 00
J H Edwards,			3 16
Homer Alger,			2 00
A H Denison,			7 62
G B Lane,			2 50
W H Beckwith,			6 56
C B Rumrill,			2 56
H S Annis,			5 75
Erastus Bugbee,			3 45
A G Bradshaw,			13 25
W M Flanders,			4 63
J McConnell,			3 87
E G Stone,			12 25
	Paid by order	No. 10,	100 00
J D Ballou,	"	100,	5 13
Elisha Burgess,	"	111,	1 10
W L Carpenter,	"	29,	7 56
W H Bugbee,	"	101.	5 38
George Dickerman,	"	88.	5 62
Warren Stearns, (part)	"	112,	7 18
C L Buzzell,	"	12,	5 50
S L Rich,	"	7,	4 74

W C H Wallace,	paid by order No.	8,	$4 37
F M Hackett,	"	5,	8 30
F E Hood,	"	2	3 00
W F Dewey, (part)	"	113,	6 73
H F Mattoon,	"	109,	5 00
Mrs A E Hopkins, (damage to mowing)	"	75,	2 50
C F Moulton	"	76,	8 75
David Dickerman,	"	99,	5 46
L H Bohonon, (damage to mowing)	"	46,	2 50.
S J Smith,	"	1,	2 30
J M Flint, (part)	"	122,	5 12
W E Bacon,	"	123,	22 00
Azariah Barnes, (part)	"	127,	2 82
J N Sanborn,	"	128,	3 68
M O Coburn,	"	129,	3 50
James B Smith,	"	3,	4 00
			$232 24

BILLS OF 1895 PAID BY THE FOLLOWING ORDERS.

E O. Tracy, bill of goods,	No. 11	$10 55	
E N Bacon, logs for sluice,	106	1 75	
J O Perkins, dirt,	18	5 00	
Horace Moxley, labor,	125	3 00	
			$20 30

STATE TAX.

Joseph Abbott, labor,	Nos. 68, 74, 77, 80, 98,	$69 15
Charles Bacon, labor with team,	102	15 30
Henry Bryant, labor,	89	7 95
Robert Birchmore, labor,	87	4 89
W L Carpenter, labor,	85	5 55
Henry Clarke, labor with team,	67	21 00
A I Dexter, "	84	14 40
E E Densmore, labor,	71, 78, 82, 92	67 74
E B Dickinson, labor,	96	6 00

G T Densmore, drawing stone,	86	$2 55	
C M Hall, labor,	110	7 95	
W H Luce, labor,	65, 69	21 50	
Alonzo Noyes, for G H Manchester,	108	36 47	
P L Sargent, labor with team,	72	22 80	
Merton Sargent, labor,	73	7 50	
F W Smith, labor with team,	83	2 40	
A W Whitney, lab. & team,	70, 79, 105	133 60	
A B Wright, labor,	66	9 00	
Waldo & Ballou, labor with team,	104	23 00	
			$478 75

TOWN TAX.

Joseph Abbott, labor,	16, 25, 37, 44, 52, 61, 115	$135 67	
Homer Alger, labor,	24	3 75	
L C Aldrich, cutting ice,	6	75	
J D Ballou, care of road,	64	6 90	
W W Brown, labor,	27	1 75	
H L Bixby, labor in 1895,	4	4 80	
C W Bixby, labor,	120	2 75	
Fred Bohonon, labor with team,	91	3 50	
W L Carpenter, care of road,	47	18 00	
Henry Clark, work with team,	62, 121	35 70	
E E Densmore, labor,	39, 45, 51, 58, 63	75 17	
E B Dickinson, labor,	17, 95	21 15	
Chas A Dow, labor,	34	1 05	
W F Dewey, labor,	113	7 67	
J M Flint, labor with team,	122	9 15	
Geo Goodrich, labor,	107	1 09	
F E Goodwin, labor,	57	4 50	
F M Hackett, labor,	81	6 79	
C M Hunt, labor,	33	3 42	
W A Hood, logs for sluice,	30	3 00	
F E Hood, labor.	13	6 50	
A R Hood & Son, bill of goods,	118	3 43	
W H Luce, labor,	14, 20, 21, 26, 31, 36, 40, 43, 49, 53, 55, 60	109 89	

F W Lewis, labor,	116	$20 22
R W Laird, labor,	28	3 00
F R Laird, labor,	35	4 72
W M Mattoon, labor with team,	42, 59	158 78
Geo F Reed, care of road,	114	4 50
Tim Sullivan, sharp. drills, etc.,	117	9 15
Benson Sanborn, care of road,	97	9 00
Harvey Spear, labor,	19, 23	24 00
James Smith, labor,	32	9 52
George Simonds, labor,	38, 41, 50	11 40
C C Scales, care of road,	90	17 20
Warren Stearns, labor,	112	7 65
W J Tarbell, labor,	93	1 80
W H Titus, labor,	94	1 80
I F Thompson, labor,	103	2 50
E O Tracy, bill of goods,	119	81
A W Whitney, labor and team,	9, 22, 48, 56	212 92
A B Wright, labor,	15, 54	20 40
A Barnes, labor and logs for sluice,	127	90
Orcutt Bixby, labor,	124	3 75
G F D French, labor,	126	75

Amount expended on highways,	$991 15
" breaking roads,	232 24
" state tax,	478 75
Bills of 1895 paid,	20 30
Total,	$1722 44

ORDERS DRAWN BY W. M. MATTOON, AFTER AUDITORS' REPORT, 1896.

M O Coburn,	labor,	$5 21
Frank Button,	"	1 00
G H Bacon,	"	2 62
F E Hood,	"	50
Geo F Folsom,	labor self and team,	4 50
A C Ovitt,	"	1 20

Irvin Bowin,	labor, self and team,	$3 15
M O Coburn,	"	3 00
Richard Kennedy,	logs, and labor with team,	5 50
W M Mattoon,	" "	22 00
		$48 68

Order drawn by selectmen to J M Flint, for breaking roads in 1893–94–95, ... $18 75

Total expense of highway,	$1789 87	
Expense of bridges,	622 50	
" sidewalks,	28 32	
Total expense highways, bridges and sidewalks,		$2440 69

Division of Parsonage Money

Paid Methodist society, West Hill,	$19 50
Congregational society, 1895 and '96,	39 00
	$58 50

CEMETERY REPORT

HIGHLAND CEMETERY.

Due from town, Feb. 11, 1896,		$863 89	
Interest on same,		33 20	
			$897 09
Cash from John N Sanborn,	lot 316,	$12 00	
Mary E Bemis,	¾ " 216,	9 00	
Mary Burnham,	" 318,	12 00	
Benj F Smith,	" 250,	12 00	
Ezra Hood, dif. in	" 270,	5 00	
			50 00
			$947 09

Due for lots sold and unpaid :

Geo B Langmaid, ¼ lot,	$3 50	
Henry Clark,	12 00	
Leroy L Sleeper,	12 00	
Eli Sanborn, ½ lot,	7 00	
Joseph Landon,	12 00	
A I Dexter,	12 00	
		58 50
		$1005 59
Paid Henry Clark, labor,	$45 71	
F E Hood, "	23 00	
C A Densmore, tile,	1 00	
E B Dickinson, turf,	3 00	
John McCullom, labor,	6 00	
J O Perkins, "	5 55	
		84 26
		$921 33

CEMETERY NEAR WEST HILL MEETING HOUSE.

Due from John Edwards,	$5 00	
Geo B Colby,	5 00	
		$10 00

FUND.

Money left by Mrs. Sarah Grow, the income to be used to keep her lot in repair in Highland Cemetery, and two other lots in the old cemetery, as per her will recorded in the town clerk's office, May 20th, 1889.

CR.

Received income on fund,		$4 00

DR.

Paid N S Bixby, work on lots,	$3 00	
Amount due the town last year,	1 50	
		4 50

There is due the town at this time, 50 cents.

Town Clerk's Report

Dog Licenses, 1896–7.

80 dogs licensed at $1,	$80 00	
4 " 4,	16 00	
		$96 00
Fees returned on 84 licenses issued,		8 40
		$87 60

W. P. Townsend, Town Clerk.

Damage done by dogs—A Q Underhill, $1.50; Dyer Parker, $2.00.

Report of Town Hall

Received for rent,		$164 00
Paid Geo E Hatch, care of hall,	$67 75	
for coal and wood,	45 52	
repairs and supplies,	30 50	
		143 77
		$21 23
By wood and coal on hand,		32 00
		$53 23

Liquor Agency

Liquor on hand, Feb. 1st, 1897,	$279 96	
Cash received for sale of liquor,	1101 31	
		$1381 27
Liquor on hand, Feb. 1st, 1896,	$386 18	
Paid for liquors, including freight and ex.	801 65	
insurance on liquor,	5 00	
U S license,	25 00	
Agent's salary,	100 00	
Sales book and express on same,	2 60	
		1320 43
Net profit,		$60 84

Report of Town Farm

S. T. Farrington, Supt.

C O Slack, feed,	$132 82
Fred Smith, 3095 lbs. hay,	13 92
C A Densmore, work,	75
C M Hall, hay,	30 00
F E Allen, goods and work,	4 63
S T Farrington,	210 00
Henry Clark, work,	16 25
Geo Hersey, work,	13 83
J A R Corwin, phosphate,	25 00
Joseph French, stone drag,	2 50
E D Fuller, hay,	6 05
C P Dickinson, phosphate,	27 25
E H Kennedy, repairing sled,	7 85
E R Noyes, lumber,	4 00

Fred Lewis, work,	$13 45
C E F Baker, work,	2 25
W E Worthley, sled,	12 70
Scott George, work,	13 65
Geo M Young, work,	8 00
E L Larkin, work,	5 00
Willis Scales, cultivator,	7 50
Geo W Hersey, work and material,	11 00
H O Bixby, newspapers,	1 56
C S Emery, insurance,	6 08
H W Dearborn, goods,	8 75
R W Allen, meat,	16 57
W P Townsend, tax,	13 87
Waldo & Ballou, sawing lumber,	11 85
L C & F T Beckwith,	12 00
Timothy Sullivan, work and material,	12 35
J A R Corwin, goods,	62 56
A F Morey, pasturing horse, butchering, etc.	6 20
W H Hill, work,	4 35
W F Hood, goods,	22 17
S T Farrington, money paid out,	4 70
Fred Folsom, work at town farm, self and team,	2 00
H O Bixby, box rent and papers,	1 90
Francis Laird, killing hogs,	1 50
Sarah George, work,	2 50
Barrel cement and freight,	2 20
Mary Dunbar, work,	2 10
Iron rods,	2 25
Allison and Alfred George,	1 10
C P Dickinson, two pigs,	4 00
Lyman D Parkhurst, papering,	1 50
Orange Densmore,	1 50
E H Kennedy, making cider,	98
Fred Folsom, work, self and team,	3 00
H W Dearborn,	40
R W Allen, meat,	42

H O Bixby, box rent,	40	
E H Kennedy, plank,	1 14	
Mrs Sarah George, work,	1 00	
W S Hatch, goods,	20 29	
E O Tracy, goods,	29 95	
C P Dickinson, rent of parsonage right,	12 04	
C P Dickinson, goods,	136 55	
A H Powers, goods,	6 78	
Selectmen, lumber,	8 24	
A H Powers, bill,	51 57	
Alonzo Noyes,	9 40	
Ira Thompson, hay cutter,	50	
H W Dearborn, screen door,	1 00	
W H Nichols, for Mrs. York,	5 00	
F H Godfrey, for Mrs. York,	2 00	
B H Adams, team,	2 50	
M H Corwin, for Mrs York,	2 00	
E D Barnes, expense to Brattleboro,	11 90	
E D Barnes, hay,	26 52	
W F Hood, weigh bills,	50	
A H Powers, feed,	8 83	
Horace Moxley, two pigs,	2 00	
Stock and tools from Bugbee property,	89 00	
		$1207 87

Appraisal of Stock, Tools, Provisions, etc., Feb. 1.

7	cows,	$190 00
1	six years old mare,	65 00
1	five years old mare,	60 00
4	shoats,	16 00
28	hens,	8 40
8	tons hay,	80 00
35	bushels corn,	17 50
80	bushels potatoes,	20 00
2	bushels beans,	2 00
½	bushel peas,	50
300	pounds salt pork,	30 00
243	pounds fresh meat,	20 00
30	pounds sausage,	3 00
105	pounds lard,	8 40
2½	pounds butter,	50
1	barrel vinegar,	4 00
	pickles,	3 00
2	gallons boiled cider,	1 00
13	pounds dried apple,	65
3	pounds tea,	1 20
15	bushels barley,	7 50
	oyster shells,	25
3	pounds coffee,	1 00
1	two-horse wagon,	20 00
1	two-horse sled,	30 00
	neck-yoke, sp'd ch.	2 00
4	m. shingles,	10 00
2	drag rakes,	1 00
1	potato digger,	50
1	hay knife,	1 00
4	manure forks,	75
6	hoes,	1 00
426	tin sap buckets,	42 60
	feed in silo,	80 00
800	pounds bran,	6 00
8	bushels wheat,	2 40
½	bushels grass seed,	1 00
70	pounds maple sugar,	4 20
75	pounds meal,	64
3	sap pans,	3 00
2	sap pails,	1 00
1	sugaring-off pan,	$3 00
1	draw tub,	5 00
1	holder,	2 00
2	milk cans,	5 00
1	caldron kettle,	2 00
3	logging chains,	2 00
2	trace chains,	1 00
2	halters,	1 00
2	horse blankets,	25
3	cider barrels,	2 00
2	bushel baskets,	75
2	half-bush. measures,	50
1	barrel flour,	5 50
	soap,	7 00
30	cords stove wood,	75 00
	lumber,	20 00
	sl., cart & har. lum.	1 00
3	sled tongues,	1 00
2	ox carts,	10 00
2	wagons,	35 00
1	sleigh,	4 00
1	ox sled,	5 00
2	bob sleds,	60
3	harnesses,	20 00
2	yokes,	2 00
3	ladders,	3 00
1	plow,	3 00
2	harrows,	20 00
1	wheelbarrow,	1 00
1	mowing machine,	20 00
1	horse rake,	18 00
1	garden rake,	25
2	scythes and 2 snaths,	1 00
1	grindstone,	3 00
2	spades,	1 00
1	manure hook,	50
3	shovels,	1 00
12	meal bags,	1 00
1	robe,	7 00
6	axes,	3 00
1	vise,	50

4 wedges,	50
1 cross-cut saw,	1 00
1 key-hole saw,	25
2 wood-saws,	75
augers, chisel & bits,	2 00
1 steel square,	1 00
1 draw knife,	50
1 block plane,	50
1 fore plane,	50
1 jointer,	75
3 hammers,	1 00
1 try square,	25
divid., ch. line, etc.,	50
1 force pump,	1 00
2 sprinklers,	1 40
2 monkey wrenches,	50
2 pair sheep shears,	50
3 hand rakes,	25
3 gals. kerosene oil,	45
1 evaporator and arch,	40 00
	$1096 44

Produce Sold from Town Farm.

Butter,	$156 40	
Mrs Eliza Carr, meat and lard,	1 44	
A F Morey, pork,	48	
Mary Dunbar, beans,	38	
Scott George, pork,	78	
P L Sargent, 1 horse,	65 00	
Frank Davis, beef,	4 36	
Frank Smith, beef,	5 45	
J A R Corwin, turkeys,	15 70	
C P Dickinson, 464 lbs. maple sugar,	37 12	
" 261 lbs. lard,	20 88	
" eggs,	3 80	
Selectmen, lumber,	45 00	
R W Allen, 1 hog,	12 08	
" 1 hide,	1 91	
Leslie Bohonon, 1 cow,	17 50	
H W Dearborn, 1 cow,	26 00	
Walter Carpenter, 1 cow,	20 20	
Horace Moxley, pork,	96	
F J Chandler, for board,	10 50	
Money left by Mrs York,	50	
E D Barnes, balance on cow,	5 00	
" for straw,	11 50	
Orcutt Bixby, 8 calves,	46 60	
Due from G W Hersey, 32 lbs. of pork,	2 56	
		$511 19

Poor away from Poor House.

The amount expended under this head by the Overseers, has been paid as follows :

Mrs Chester Baker,		
Paid Emma Brown, for care,		$17 00
Mrs Sarah Garvin,		
Paid Ira Thompson, house rent,		20 00
Cassendana Stoddard,		
Paid J D Ballou, board and care,		54 00
Mary Heath,		
Paid L H Bohonon, wood,	$7 00	
C A Densmore, "	4 50	11 50
Wilmarth Luce,		
Paid Fred Goodwin, care,		1 00
James Rolfe,		
Paid H W Dearborn, casket & work,	$15 50	
A B Smith, medical attend.,	5 00	
Newell Bixby, for burial,	3 00	
B B Sherman, services,	3 00	
Chas Luce, claim on wagon,	7 68	34 18
CR.		
By money received from U. S. Gov.,	$14 80	
" " for one wagon,	1 00	
" " one sheep,	1 50	
one wagon on hand,	8 00	25 00
		$8 88
Mrs W H C Wallace,		
Paid C P Dickinson, goods,	$8 70	
W F Hood, goods,	1 25	
Alonzo Noyes, alcohol,	1 35	
H W Dearborn, cas. & robe,	19 00	
N S Bixby, burial,	2 00	32 30
Mrs Mary Dunbar,		
Paid C N Dearborn, shing. house,	$12 25	
W C Austin, chopping wood,	8 00	

Francis Laird, draw. & ch. wood,	6 30	
Wm Johnson, splitting wood,	1 00	
R W Allen, meat,	2 99	
C O Slack, meal,	70	
C E Godfrey, taxes,	3 73	
C P Dickinson, goods,	17 60	
W F Hood, goods,	75	53 22
Caroline York,		
Paid Brattleboro Retreat, burial outfit,		15 00
Paid Mr and Mrs Ed George, wit. in Cleveland case,		1 50
Paid S N Goss, medical attendance,		24 00
Tramps,		
Paid F I Whitney, board,	$1 00	
George Folsom, board,	1 50	2 50
Total cost of poor away from farm,		$241 00

Rec'd from sale of S Avery's prop'y,	$15 53	
Due from A Bradshaw's rent of house,	20 00	35 53
Expense of sale,		4 52
		$31 01

Rec'd from sale of H Colby's property,	$82 71	
of A F Whitney, note and int.,	29 50	
Due from G L Haywood, goods,	1 89	
W H Bugbee, "	1 45	
Fred Hall, "	1 00	116 55
Expense,		5 50
		$111 05

Statement of Town Farm Account.

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To stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1896,	$1634 00	
Interest on surplus money,	88 32	
Cash paid as per this report,	1207 87	
Due S T Farrington, April 1, 1897,	50 00	2380 19

CR.

By stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1897,	$1096 44	
Cash received and produce sold,	606 87	
Due for produce sold and unpaid,	56 40	1759 71
Expense,		$620 48

Recapitulation of the Cost of Support of Poor.

Total cost of Poor Farm,	$620 48
" " away from Farm,	241 00
	$861 48

Report of Property taken from Erastus Bugbee.

Cash received for property sold,	$181 38	
Less expense, cash paid out,	37 92	
Cash in Overseer's hands,		143 46
Due from A F Whitney, on farm,	270 00	
town, stock and tools at P. farm,	89 00	
Ira Thompson, balance on horse,	25 00	
Henry Clark,	1 42	385 42
		$528 88
Less J K Darling's mortgage and interest,		113 22
		$415 66

Orders drawn by Overseers

E D Barnes, money paid out	$70 95
L H Bohonon, wood for Mary Heath	7 00
C O Slack, feed for town farm	9 57
W C Austin, chopping wood for Mrs Dunbar	8 00
Fred Smith, 3095 pounds hay	13 92
C O Slack, feed	11 86
C N Dearborn, work, shingling Mrs Dunbar's house	12 25
C A Densmore, goods and work	5 25
C M Hall, three tons hay	30 00
F E Allen, goods and work	4 63
S T Farrington, part payment of services	10 00
C P Dickinson, check to Brattleboro Retreat, for burial outfit for Caroline York	15 00
Henry Clark, work at town farm	16 25
S T Farrington, part payment of salary	45 00
G W Hersey, work	13 83
C O Slack, goods	19 30
J A R Corwin, phosphate	25 00
J D Ballou, boarding Mrs Stoddard to June 30	21 00
Joseph French, stone drag for town farm	2 50
S T Farrington, part payment of salary	20 00
C O Slack, meal and bran	13 30
E D Fuller, 1510 pounds of hay	6 05
C P Dickinson, phosphate	27 25
E H Kennedy, repairing sled	7 85
S T Farrington, part payment of salary	10 00
C O Slack, feed	12 58
S T Farrington, part payment of salary	20 00
E R Noyes, 384 feet lumber	4 00
Fred W Lewis, work at town farm	13 45
C E F Baker, work at town farm	2 25
C P Dickinson, check to W E Worthley, for 2-horse sled	12 70
C O Slack, feed	11 38
Scott George, work at town farm	13 65
Geo M Young, work at town farm	8 00

S T Farrington, part payment of salary	$10 00
E L Larkin, work at town farm	5 00
Willis Scales, cultivator for town farm	7 50
G W Hersey, work and material furnished at town farm	11 00
C O Slack, feed	11 10
H O Bixby, newspaper for town farm	1 56
S T Farrington, part payment of salary	10 00
W M Mattoon, moving Bugbee property	5 00
S T Farrington, part payment of salary	10 00
Mrs Emma Brown, care of Mrs Baker	4 00
S T Farrington, part payment of salary	25 00
C O Slack, feed	37 19
J D Ballou, boarding Mrs Stoddard to Nov. 24	21 00
C S Emery, insurance on town farm buildings	6 08
H W Dearborn, goods	27 75
R W Allen, goods	17 37
W P Townsend, treas., tax on town farm	13 87
S T Farrington, part payment of salary	20 00
Waldo & Ballou, sawing lumber, etc	11 85
L C & F T Beckwith, 1000 ft. spruce boards	12 00
C O Slack, feed	4 49
F R Laird, work at Mrs Dunbar's	5 80
C E Godfrey, selling property, auction bills, etc	4 72
" tax against the E Bugbee property	8 32
" Mary Dunbar's tax	3 73
S T Farrington, part payment of salary	30 00
Timothy Sullivan, work and material	12 35
J A R Corwin, goods	62 56
N S Bixby, burying J Rolfe and Mrs Wallace	5 00
C O Slack, feed	2 05
A F Morey, past. horse, butchering, use of bull	6 20
W H Hill, work	4 35
Wm F Hood, goods	22 17
S T Farrington, money paid out	4 70
H W Dearborn, casket and robe for Mrs W C H Wallace	19 00
W S Hatch, goods	20 29
E O Tracy, goods	29 95
C P Dickinson, rent on parsonage right	12 04
Emma Brown, care of Mrs Baker	13 00
C P Dickinson, goods for town	136 55
A H Powers, goods	6 78
S N Goss, doctoring the town poor	24 00
Selectmen, 824 feet lumber	8 24

Selectmen, order No. 98	$51 57
Ira Thompson, rent for Mrs Garvin to April 1st	20 00
Alonzo Noyes, liquor furnished, 1895 and '96	10 75
J D Ballou, boarding Mrs Stoddard to Feb. 17, '97	12 00
C P Dickinson, cash paid out	64 67
do do	3 00

The Overseers have thought best in submitting their report to you to state briefly that the year just passed has been an extraordinary one, so far as the demands and labor devolving upon the Overseers is concerned. Yet we are glad to be able to state that after being at quite a large expense of putting in a silo, almost an entire sugar apparatus, two-horse sled, new logging sled, etc., also putting in the interest on surplus money of $88.32, which was omitted last year, our expenses are $139.94 less than the previous year. In conclusion, we have endeavored to serve our townsmen to the best of our ability with an honest and earnest effort on our part to meet all the demands that have been made upon us, and in such a manner as would best serve the best interest of the people of this town, and in return we ask only a fair and just criticism upon the work we have done.

C. P. DICKINSON,
HORACE MOXLEY, } Overseers.
H. S. FITTS,

Report of Trustees of Chelsea Public Library and Alden Speare Memorial Library Building.

During the year now closing the library has had a constantly increasing patronage of readers both interested and intelligent. It is becoming a real necessity to the people of our community. On account of the considerable expense made necessary by the printing of a new catalogue, it was deemed best not to purchase any new books until more money was appropriated by the town, which might be used for this purpose only, together with any unexpended balance of this last year's appropriation. By private contribution have been received thirty-three volumes of the Atlantic Monthly from Rev. Franklin S. Hatch, of Monson, Mass., and John Sherman's "Recollections of Forty Years in House, Senate and Cabinet" from Hon. Elisha May, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., each contribution as timely as it was valuable. Among the books given at one time and another by our towns-people, are four volumes of essays and four volumes of histories by Mrs. Emeline Waterson, a volume of the Century Magazine by Hale K. Darling, Esq., an entire set of James Russell Lowell's works by Rev. B. B. Sherman, "Men of Vermont" and Walton's "Complete Angler" by Hira L. Bixby.

The reading room furniture has been increased by the addition of four elegant chairs of quartered oak, given by an association of public-spirited ladies of the village, to whose munificence the library was last year indebted for the handsome library table of the same material, placed within the large bay-window, as was mentioned in our last report.

To the same spirit of liberality and devotion to the public welfare is due the attractive librarian's table, set inside

the book-room, contributed from the proceeds of a public entertainment given last summer by several children residing or visiting in the village. Upon a small nickel plate, imbedded in the table's top, are engraved the names of donors, Nana Moore, Amelia Slack, Chorene Barnes, Sallie Emery.

Below is appended a statement of receipts and expenses.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Feb. 10, 1896,	$99 26	
Appropriation by town, March 3, 1896,	50 00	
Received from subscriptions,	85	
sale of catalogues,	5 80	
fines,	6 75	
		$162 66

EXPENSES.

Paid for books bought,	$85 89	
freight and express on same,	1 88	
binding books and magazines,	20 10	
printing catalogues,	25 86	
janitor work,	9 00	
		142 73
Balance on hand, Feb. 8, 1897,		$19 93

B. B. Sherman,
J. M. Comstock,
John B. Bacon,
Hira L. Bixby,
Geo. L. Stow,
} Trustees.

Orders drawn by Selectmen.

H K Darling, error in G H Kent's tax	$3 70
O B Copeland, cashier, interest on orders Nos. 357–8–9	30 70
C P Dickinson, check to Cave, "the Printer," printing town reports	49 40
C P Dickinson, money paid out	11 32
C P Dickinson, services as selectman past year	50 00
Willard S Hatch, services as auditor past year	5 00
B R Sherman, services as superintendent	46 00
C S Emery, services as auditor and town agent	10 00
Horace Moxley, services as selectman past year	10 00
J A R Corwin, services as auditor past year	5 00
E W Hood, services as lister past year	28 50
Joseph Landon, care of town clock to Feb. 13, 1896	5 00
H T Walker, services as lister past year	27 00
W P Townsend, services as town clerk and treas. past year,	23 50
E D Barnes, services as overseer past year	50 00
Alvah Carpenter, services as lister past year	24 00
W O Austin, ministerial money due M E Ch, West Hill	19 50
E A Corwin, services as school director	10 00
H L Bixby, do do	6 00
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	47 75
do do J S Benham, alcohol	109 30
do do H A Blanchard & Co., liquor	10 19
A H Powers, min. money due Cong'l church for '95–'96	39 00
Henry Clark, work, self and team in Highland Cem	14 21
F E Hood, work in do	23 00
Henry Clark, work	31 50
H S Fitts, services as selectman past year	5 00
E N Bacon, services as school director past year	5 00
H W Spear, part payment for plank	15 00
Sarah C Patterson, int. on orders Nos. 534, 544, and 556, to Feb. 12, 1896	60 00
Geo E Hatch, services at town hall	10 50
Laura R Fuller, int. on order No. 21 to Feb. 12, 1896	10 60
S T Farrington, bal. of salary for services to April 1, 1896	50 00
O B Copeland, int. on orders Nos. 261–267	70 00

J N Sanborn, 355 ft. plank	$3 55
O B Copeland, interest on order No. 356 to April 8, 1896	10 00
Alonzo Noyes, voting booths, etc., (duplicate)	4 00
E E Densmore, breaking out sidewalk	5 00
Laura R Fuller, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness	50 00
Joseph Landon, care of town clock one quarter	6 00
Edna N Flanders, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness	70 00
C P Dickinson, check to Royal Cummings for order book	2 70
do do Reuben Ring & Co. for liquor	19 24
F E Hood, work for town	12 00
C P Dickinson, check to J S Benham, liquor	112 39
do do Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	47 74
W P Townsend. treas., bal. state school tax for 1895	229 76
do do highway do	229 76
do do tax do	183 81
C P Dickinson, check to A L Weeks, liquor license	25 00
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall	13 25
H S Annis, 3824 ft plank	38 24
E L Larkin, splitting stone for bridge	4 40
do work and material	14 15
Waldo & Ballou, lumber	28 14
W A Reed, work on bridge	12 00
Story N Goss, damage to land in laying road to old cem	20 00
C H Rowell, work on bridge	24 50
W P Townsend, town clerk, making returns	15 20
Horace Moxley, work on bridges	60 00
Wales Moulton, do	16 50
Alpheus Hood, do	7 50
Henry Clark, work	15 05
C P Dickinson, check to M W Wheelock for dog license book and tax receipts	2 65
F E Hood, work	7 00
David Dickerman, work on bridge	2 00
M O Gates, do	10 12
Joseph Landon, care town clock one quarter	6 00
W H Button, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness	50 00
W C Goss, work on bridge	9 00
E L Larkin, work and material	9 00
Horace Moxley, money paid out, labor, self, man and team,	45 54
Chas Dow, work on bridge	6 00
O B Copeland, making town tax	10 00
Chas F Button, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness,	250 00
Geo J Helmer, do do	1500 00

O B Copeland, cashier, int. on orders Nos. 357, 358 and 359, to Aug. 6, 1896	$30 00
M O Gates, work	15 00
H O Bixby, check lists, etc.	5 00
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	79 24
do do Climax Road Machine Co	8 50
do do M W Wheelock, tax & rec. book	1 65
do do Jerome B Rice & Co., mow. mach.	4 25
do do Norcross, Mellen & Co., lamp shades and chimneys	2 63
O B Copeland, check to J W Dant, liquor	92 30
do cashier, interest on orders Nos. 261–7	70 00
Frank W Button, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness	100 00
H S Fitts, work on bridges	24 50
W P Townsend, printing ballots, postals to tax-payers, etc.,	31 55
C P Dickinson, check to J S Benham, liquor	111 55
H N Mattison, interest on order No. 356, to Oct. 8, '96	10 00
C E F Baker, error in tax	1 63
Levi Pierce, work on bridge and bank wall	10 50
Mark Riley, work on bridge	3 0
W M Mattoon, building brook wall	14 55
J B Akerman, 5½ cords wood for town hall	25 25
Sylvester Bill, error in town tax	3 27
E G Brown, 5054 ft. plank	53 10
Geo L Stow, atty, am't trusteed in suit against E L Larkin, for bridge stringers	12 00
A H Powers, feed, etc.	51 57
Joseph Landon, care town clock one quarter	6 00
Ellen K Taplin, interest on order No. 246, to Feb. 12, '96	9 79
Henry Clark, coal	29 27
H W Spear, payment in full for 3569 ft. plank	20 69
Chas Blaisdell, work on bridge	6 80
Richard Kennedy, labor, self and team	10 00
A W Whitney, work	20 72
C S Emery, insurance of town hall and library	17 40
C M Hall, work on bridges	5 03
J M Comstock, treas., county tax	45 95
E G Reed, work on bridges	5 25
Mary Tracy, error in tax list	6 53
Mrs Mary E Burnham, error in taxes	8 16
George E Hatch, care of hall	36 50
Horace Moxley, work, self, team and man	29 80
M O Gates, labor	2 70
W P Townsend, order No. 261	500 00

H N Mattison, cashier, interest on orders held by bank	$125 53
Waldo & Ballou, planking bridge and drawing stone	2 00
J M Comstock, town appropriation for public library	50 00
H S Fitts, labor on bridges	44 40
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	152 55
do do W Emery & Co. for door	4 75
L C & F T Beckwith, 693 ft. of plank	6 67
H N Mattison, cashier, int. on sch. dist. orders Nos. 49 & 50,	52 80
Geo F Folsom, work on bridges	4 50
C E Godfrey, work and material	25 25
Alonzo Noyes, services at two town meetings and money for booths	5 50
Alpheus Hood, labor and material	5 75
F I Whitney, services	6 40
Dyer Parker, damage to sheep by dogs	2 00
C E Godfrey, tax abated against P S Clough	3 45
Henry Bryant, work	7 75
Mrs Martha J Landon, money hired to pay indebtedness	140 00
Timothy Sullivan, work	5 25
N S Bixby, removing bodies and care of street lamps	11 50
J M Flint, breaking roads in '93-4-5	18 75
Geo E Hatch, care of hall and money paid out	7 50
E O Tracy, goods	30 68
C P Dickinson, goods	45 18
B H Adams, Jr., driving hearse	37 50
C P Dickinson, 4500 ft. lumber from town farm	45 00
R W Allen, two days as ballot clerk	3 00
W P Townsend, treas., High. Cem. fund, int. at 4 per ct.	862 83
do trus. pub. money, int. on sur. money, '94-5-6	445 62
H N Mattison, int. on orders Nos. 357-8-9	30 00
J M Comstock, list of births and deaths	6 90
C P Dickinson, cash paid out for town	90 43
Alonzo Noyes, freight and express on liquor	21 40
do salary as liquor agent	100 00
C S Emery, insurance on liquor	5 00

ORDERS DRAWN BY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1	J A R Corwin, check sent Harriet N Lewis, for error in amount of order No. 313	$1 50
2	E A George, er. in order No. 322 for board.of teacher	2 50
3	W L Sargent, trans. of scholars in 1895–6	10 00
4	W H Alger, 2 9-16 cords wood for No. 5	8 94
5	do 2 3-4 cords wood for No. 17	9 25
6	Elmer D McAllister, care of school house No. 5	3 00
7	Amos B Wright, transportation of scholars in 1895–6	5 00
8	Fred J Sanborn, care of school house No. 15	3 00
9	Leroy Goodell, wood for No. 10	11 25
10	W H Alger, bal. due for wood for No. 2	17 75
11	Rae J D Ballou, building fires in No. 7	2 00
12	E N Bacon, cash paid for mortar, glass, lock, etc.	1 38
13	Wm A Reed, 7 running cords wood for No. 7	8 17
14	do do 1	8 17
15	J H Griffin, trans. of scholars 7 weeks, spring term	17 50
16	Gustus W Cleaveland, labor	8 00
17	Fred Edwards, 314½ feet wood for No. 12	11 40
18	Geo C Eaton, wood for No. 15	2 92
19	Albert S Camp, care of school house No. 11	4 00
20	Lena E Spalding, teaching 10 weeks, including board,	87 50
21	John M Comstock, teaching 10 weeks	250 00
22	Mrs Geo W Taplin, cleaning school house No. 15	2 00
23	Emma M Hood, cleaning 7 school houses	11 75
24	Frank W Button, care of school No. 2, spring term	4 25
25	Newell S Bixby, labor	25
26	S L Rich, 7 running cords wood for No. 7	8 75
27	H F Mattoon, wood for No. 6	8 00
28	Lillian M Wells, teach. 9 w. in No. 2, inc. board	78 75
29	Flora M Corwin, do 5, do	49 50
30	H O Bixby, ink for schools	1 30
31	Geo M Davis, care of school house No. 2, sum. term	2 00
32	Clinton L Buzzell, 2 cords wood for No. 11	7 00

33	Carrie B Beal, teach. 9 w. in No. 8, inc. board	$49	50
34	Edna F. Robbins, do 17, do	58	50
35	Addie M French, do 10, do	45	00
36	Martha L Noyes, do 7, do	49	50
37	Hattie H Dearborn, do 6, do	49	50
38	Abbie L Davis, do 12, do	49	50
39	Genevieve B Farnham, do 11, do	49	50
40	Clara J Laird, do 15, do	45	00
41	Henry B Lyford, transportation, spring term,	10	00
42	O B Copeland, check to pay for school books	86	42
43	Jane Riley, cleaning school house No. 6		80
44	Emma M Hood, do do 2	7	00
45	Geo F D French, repairs on school house No. 6	3	45
46	C M Davis, labor	1	65
47	H W Dearborn, 6 chairs for school house No. 2	3	30
48	O B Copeland, check for school books	9	05
49	H W Dearborn, repairs on school house No. 17	1	00
50	H J Kingsbury, 8 running cords wood for No. 8	10	00
51	Julia M Adams, boarding Geo Griffin, summer term of school, to save transportation	13	50
52	Clara F Peabody, teaching 9 weeks in No. 6	36	00
53	Fred J Akerman, board of teacher in No. 6, 9 weeks	18	00
54	Helene J Sloan, teaching 9 weeks in No. 5	45	00
55	Ida E Covell, do 8, inc. board,	49	50
56	Alvah Carpenter, repairs on school house No. 8	3	00
57	Henry B Lyford, transportation fall term	10	00
58	Ralph Gilman, care of school house No. 5, fall term	10	00
59	Ada J Sherburn, teach. 10 weeks in No. 17, inc. board,	72	00
60	Martha L Noyes, 9 do 7, do	54	00
61	Addie M French, do 11, do	49	50
62	Fred F Moxley, cash paid J F Hemenway for transportation of H J Payne's children	7	00
63	Fred F Moxley, cash paid for stove pipe for No. 11,	1	00
64	Emma C McAllister, board of teacher in No. 5, 9 w	22	50
65	Lillian M Wells, teach. 11 weeks in No. 2, inc. board,	101	75
66	A G Smith, teaching 10 weeks in No. 12, do	55	50
67	Mrs E A George, cleaning school house No. 7	2	00
68	H W Dearborn, chair for No. 11		55
69	Lena E. Spalding, teach. 12 weeks including board	105	00
70	J H Griffin, transportation fall term 12 weeks	30	00
71	J O Bugbee, care of school house No. 2, fall term	6	00
72	J M Comstock, teaching 12 weeks	281	25
73	Curtis S Emery, insurance on school houses	15	43
74	J M Comstock, cash paid for printing	2	14

75	Alonzo Noyes, freight on school books	$1 30
76	Rae J D Ballou, building fires in No. 7, sp. and fall t.,	1 00
77	John M Comstock, paid for text books	33 01
78	H W Dearborn, 3 chairs for No. 2	1 65
79	G W Cleveland, transportation of scholars	1 50
80	C E Godfrey, labor and material rep. sch. house No. 2,	2 50
81	Clara J Laird, teach. 9 weeks in No. 15, inc. board	49 50
82	Herbert E Wallace, care of school house No. 10	3 00
83	Eliza S Carr, teach. 19 weeks in No. 10, inc. board	95 00
84	Ada J Sherburn, do 9 do 17, do	65 00
85	A G Smith, do do 12, do	54 00
86	E O Tracy, sundries furnished schools	2 81
87	J A R Corwin, table fyr No. 5	1 50
88	Hermon C Davis, care of school house No. 17	2 50
89	James Alger, do 12	2 50
90	Luther J Bailey, teach. 10 weeks in No. 5, inc. board,	69 00
91	Annie B Camp, do 11, do	65 00
92	John M Comstock, do in Academy,	234 37
93	J A R Corwin, sundries furnished schools	2 94
94	Lillian M Wells, teach. 10 weeks in No. 2, inc. board	92 50
95	Lena Spalding, do in Academy, do	87 50
96	Abbie L Davis, do in No. 6, do	65 00
97	Martha L Noyes, do do 7, do	65 00
98	Mrs Hattie Bannister, do do 8, do	65 00
99	Clara J Laird, do do 15, do	62 50
100	J H Griffin, transportation of scholars, winter term	25 00
101	W H Bugbee, do	10 00
102	Fred F Moxley, order book	80
103	H O Bixby, ink for schools	1 30
104	J O Bugbee, care of Academy, winter term	8 00
		$3328 35

Report of School Directors

In presenting you a report of schools for the past year we would say that we have maintained wholly or in part twelve legal schools at a total cost of $3328.35.

The expenditures exceed the receipts by $174.98. The cost of the schools exclusive of books exceed the receipts by $45.16.

We would recommend that the town vote a tax large enough to defray the running expenses of the schools and also to reduce the school debt.

Following is a detailed list of our receipts and expenses:

Money Received for School Purposes.

Town school, tax of 50 cents,	$2240 58
Interest on United States deposit money,	148 54
Huntington fund,	46 87
Rent of school land,	31 50
Grammar school fund,	42 43
Five per cent. state school tax,	442 42
Academy tuition,	122 00
Of Washington half net cost of school No. 15,	66 07
Tuition from other towns,	13 00
	$3153 41

Money Paid out for School Purposes.

No. 2.—Lillian M Wells, teach. 30 w. inc. board,	$273 00	
W H Alger, wood,	17 75	
Care,	2 00	
Nine chairs,	4 95	
Repairs,	2 50	$300 20
No. 5.—Flora M Corwin, teach. 9 w. inc. board,	$49 50	
Helene J Sloan, do do	45 00	
Emma C McAllister, board of teach. 9 w.	22 50	
Luther J Bailey, teach. 10 w. inc. board,	69 00	
Care,	4 50	
W H Alger, wood,	8 94	$199 44

No. 6.—Hattie Dearborn, teach. 9 w. inc. board,	$49 50		
Clara F Peabody, do do	36 00		
Fred J Akerman, board of teacher 9 weeks,	18 00		
Abbie L Davis, teach. 10 w. inc. board,	65 00		
H F Mattoon, wood,	8 00		
Repairs,	3 45		$179 95
No. 7.—Martha L Noyes, teach. 28 w. inc. board,	$168 50		
W A Reed, wood,	8 17		
S L Rich, wood,	8 75		
Care,	3 00		$188 42
No. 8.—Carrie B Beal, teaching 9 w. inc. board,	$49 50		
Ida E Covell, do do	49 50		
Mrs Hattie Bannister, 10 do	65 00		
Wood,	10 00		
Repairs,	3 00		$177 00
No. 10.—Addie M French, teach. 9 w. inc. board,	$45 00		
Eliza S Carr, do 19 do	95 00		
Leroy Goodell, wood,	11 25		
Care,	3 00		$154 25
No. 11.—Genevieve B Farnham, teach. 9 w. inc. b'd,	$49 50		
Addie M French, do do	49 50		
Annie B Camp, do 10 do	65 00		
C L Buzzell, wood,	7 00		
Care,	4 00		$175 00
No. 12.—Abbie L Davis, teaching 9 w. inc. board,	$49 50		
Arthur G Smith, do 19 do	109 50		
F Edwards, wood,	11 40		
Care,	2 50		$172 90
No. 15.—Clara J Laird, teach. 28 w. inc. board,	$157 00		
Geo C Eaton, wood,	2 92		
Care,	3 00		
Cleaning,	2 00		$164 92
No. 17.—Edna Robbins, teach. 9 w. inc. board,	$58 50		
Ada J Sherburn, do 19 do	137 00		
W H Alger, wood,	9 25		
Repairs,	1 00		
Care,	2 50		$208 25
Chelsea Academy and High School.			
J M Comstock, teaching 32 weeks,	$765 62		
Lena E Spalding, do	280 00		
Care,	18 25		$1063 87

Miscellaneous.—W L Sargent, transpor. in 1895,	$10 00		
Amos B Wright, do	5 00		
J H Griffin, transportation,	86 00		
Henry B Lyford, do	20 00		
W H Bngbee, do	10 00		
G W Cleveland, do	1 50		
Trans. Haynes Payne's chil. fall t.,	7 00		
Wood for No. 1	8 17		
Insurance	15 43		
School books	129 78		
Incidentals	51 27	—$344 15	
Total cost of schools including school books,		$3328 35	

ERNEST A. CORWIN,
E. N. BACON,
FRED T. MOXLEY,
} School Directors of Chelsea.

Outstanding Orders

1893.		No.			
June	5	48	Clara J Laird	$250 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	36 89	$286 86
1894.					
May	28	186	W H Button	625 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	67 71	692 71
June	6	198	Clara J Laird	100 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	10 70	110 70
	9	199	Jane Laird	200 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	21 40	221 40
July	5	208	Katie E Laird	300 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	31 23	331 23
Sept.	1	246	Ellen K Taplin	100 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	4 00	104 00
	18	262	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	8 06	508 06
	18	263	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	8 06	508 06
	18	264	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	8 06	508 06

Sept. 18	265	Nat. Bank Orange County,	$500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	8 06	$508 06
18	266	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	8 06	508 06
18	267	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	8 06	508 06
Oct. 8	356	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	6 86	506 86
1895.				
Feb'y 6	357	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	33	500 33
6	358	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	33	500 33
6	359	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	33	500 33
1893.				
Jan. 13	49	School District No. 2, order,	555 90	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 5 per ct.	2 32	558 22
14	50	School District No. 2, order,	500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 5 per ct.	2 02	502 02
1895.				
Mar. 26	21	Laura R Fuller	300 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	12 00	312 00
May 7	—	W H Button	100 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	7 07	107 07
1896.				
April 25	37	Laura R Fuller	50 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	1 60	51 60
May 16	39	Edna N Flanders	70 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	2 06	72 06
Aug. 20	67	W H Button	50 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	1 63	51 63
Sept. 1	73	Chas F Button	250 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	3 76	253 76
8	74	Geo J Helmer	1500 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 5 per ct.	33 75	1533 75
22	85	Frank W Button	100 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	1 54	101 54
1897.				
Jan. 25	132	Martha J Landon	140 00	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	38	140 38
Feb. 3	142	Highland Cemetery	862 83	
		Int. to Feb. 12, '97, 4 per ct.	86	863 69
				$11350 83

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

115	W P Townsend, treas.	$500 00	
133	Timothy Sullivan	5 25	
145	J M Comstock	6 90	
149	C S Emery	5 00	
275	A F Tracy	5 00—	$522 15

OVERSEERS' ORDERS.

61	Timothy Sullivan	$12 35	
67	A R Hood & Son	22 17	
81	J D Ballou	12 00—	$46 52

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS.

117	Timothy Sullivan	$9 15	
118	A R Hood & Son	3 43	
123	W E Bacon	22 00—	$34 58

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ORDERS.

89	James Alger	$2 50	
92	J M Comstock	231 51	
93	J A R Corwin	2 94	
94	Lillian F Wells	92 50	
95	Lena Spalding	87 50	
96	Abbie L Davis	65 00	
97	Martha L Noyes	65 00	
98	Mrs. Hattie Banister	65 00	
99	Clara J Laird	62 50	
100	J H Griffin	25 00	
101	W H Bugbee	10 00	
102	Fred F Moxley	80	
103	H O Bixby	1 30	
104	J O Bugbee	8 00—	$719 55

Total outstanding orders, $12,673 63

Bills of Town Officers Approved by Auditors

W P Townsend, town clerk	$20 90
do town treasurer	10 00
C P Dickinson, selectman	50 00
Horace Moxley, do	12 00
H S Fitts, do	6 00
C P Dickinson, Horace Moxley, H S Fitts, overseers of poor	50 00
Alvah Carpenter, lister	20 00
H T Walker, do	21 75
F I Whitney, do	19 50
E A Corwin, school director	10 00
E N Bacon, do	5 00
B B Sherman, superintendent of schools	56 00
C S Emery, town agent	10 00
do auditor	5 00
J A R Corwin, do	5 00
Willard S Hatch, do	5 00
	$306 15

Report of Town Treasurer

Would respectfully report, that since the last annual meeting there has been paid by the Treasurer 491 orders, drawn by the selectmen, overseers of the poor, school directors, and road commissioner.

Paid 242 selectmen and overseers' orders	$9309	55
142 road commissioner's do	1974	66
107 school directors' do	3095	26
Allowed to taxpayers 4 per ct. on the am't paid to treasurer before expiration of 90 days,	288	11
Allowed treas. 1 per ct. for collecting same	69	15
do for issuing 83 warrants, 5c. each,	4	15
do for sending notices to taxpayers,	2	00
Paid 20 fox bounties, at 60 c. each	12	00
Am't due on collector's receipts for 1893	3	81
do do 1894	7	78
do do 1895	108	56
do do 1896	262	14
do sch. acc't, per aud. rep., Feb. 10, '96	1138	27
do high. do do do	502	71
Balance in town treasury at this date	384	82
	$17,162	97

CONTRA, CREDIT.

Received the following :

Am't in trea'y, town ac. per aud. rep, Feb. 10, '96,	$1893	51
J K Darling, adm'r of S B Hebard's est.	50	00
Rent on town hall	154	00
Parsonage right	54	56
Mary Tracy, 120 feet plank	1	20
Orange County Creamery, 90 feet plank		90
Laura R Fuller, money borrowed at 4 per ct.	50	00
Edna W Flanders, do do	70	00
Chas F Button, do do	250	00

W H Button, money borrowed at 4 per ct.	$50 00
Geo J Helmer, do 5 do	1500 00
Alonzo Noyes, town agent, sale of liquor	1101 31
Town tax of 100 c. on the dollar	4481 09
Due on tax receipt, 1893	3 81
do do 1894	17 98
do do 1895	260 84
Frank A Button, money borrowed at 4 per ct.	100 00
W P Townsend, dog lic., less fees pd. town clerk,	87 60
Selectmen, town order to take up order 261	500 00
Martha J Landon, money borrowed at 4 per ct.,	140 00
Highland Cem., do do	862 83
Overseers of poor, produce sold	606 87
do am't pd. by to. or. for E Bugbee,	15 52
S N Goss, wire	60
Lumber	1 00
Orcutt Bixby, grass	1 00
W J Tarbell, lumber	13 17
Joseph French, plank	35
Overseers of poor, lumber	8 24
Town of Tunbridge, use of derrick	10 00
Orcutt Bixby, lumber	8 24
State Treas. for 81 miles of total mileage for state,	479 52
Highway tax of 20 c. on the dollar	896 18
County treasurer, Grammar school money	63 61
State treasurer, Huntington fund	46 87
J M Comstock, tuition Chelsea Academy	122 00
Rent on school land	23 25
State treas., 12 legal schools maintained dur. yr.,	442 42
County treas., Grammar school money	42 43
School tax, 50 c. on the dollar	2240 58
Selectmen, int. on surplus money for past 3 yrs.,	445 62
Town of Washington, their share of running school in District 15	66 07
	$17,162 97

W. P. TOWNSEND, Town Treas.

Resources and Liabilities of the Town, Feb. 12, 1897.

Liabilities.		
Outstanding orders and interest	$12,673 63	
Bills approved by auditors	306 15	
Balance due S T Farrington and wife services on town farm	50 00	
		$13,029 78
Resources.		
Value of liquor on hand	$279 96	
Rent due on lease land	58 96	
Due on tax receipt, 1893	3 81	
do 1894	7 78	
do 1895	108 56	
do 1896	262 14	
Due on Whitney & Ackerman note,	29 50	
do from State, for 20 fox bounties,	12 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	384 82	
		1,147 53
Excess of liabilities		$11,882 25

Auditors' Report

The undersigned auditors have examined the accounts of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, school directors, road commissioner, town clerk and treasurer, and liquor agent, and find proper vouchers for all payments.

On examination of the treasurer's accounts we find as follows :

In the hands of the treasurer, of the general fund,		$2227 17
Due the treasurer on highway account,	$1101 67	
do do school do	740 68	
		1842 35
Leaving in the hands of the treasurer,		$384 82

We also find in the hands of the treasurer on account of the cemetery fund $862 83

C. S. EMERY,
J. A. R. CORWIN, } Auditors.
WILLARD S. HATCH,

To the Taxpayers

While a deficiency is always to be deplored we are very glad to be able to state that the one this year is not of large proportion. It is not our intention to criticise any of the town officers, but merely to show the taxpayers just where the deficiency occurs.

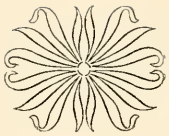
We find that the schools have cost $174.98 more than the 50 c. tax, and that the roads have cost $450.11 more than the 20 c. tax, a total of $625.09, otherwise the 100 c. tax would have paid $360 of the indebtedness.

The board of school directors have recommended to the selectmen that a tax of 60 c. on a dollar be raised for the maintainance of schools for the next year; they also recommend an additional tax to reduce the indebtedness of the town school district.

On the proceeding page we have prepared, in a condensed form, for the benefit of taxpayers, a statement of the expenditure of the 100 c. on the dollar tax raised by the town.

Expenditure of Selectmen and Overseers

Interest on town debt	$500 00
Paid town officers	306 00
for bridges	622 50
sidewalks	28 32
support of poor, (about)	865 00
driving hearse	37 50
state school tax	229 76
state highway tax	229 76
balance on state tax	183 81
public money for school purposes	357 30
4 per ct. allowed taxpayers and ex. col.,	359 26
public library	50 00
land damage, road to old cemetery	20 00
care of town clock	24 00
printing town reports	49 40
printing ballots	25 00
county tax	45 95
ex. of brook-wall near Harriet Bacon's	32 80
insurance tax	17 40
error in taxes	23 28
incidentals	114 05
	$4121 09



REPORT

OF

Town Superintendent of Schools

Twelve schools have been kept in town during the past year by twenty-three teachers. Thirteen teachers have taught one term of school each in the same district, three have taught two terms and five have completed three terms, while two of the thirteen were re-engaged for single terms in other districts.

Two hundred and ninety two pupils have been instructed. Eleven of these are non-resident. Brookfield, Randolph, Vershire and Williamstown sent one each. Seven came from Washington. The 281 resident students are thus distributed :

2	families furnish	6	pupils each	12
5	"	5	"	25
13	"	4	"	52
19	"	3	"	57
35	"	2	"	70
65	"	1	pupil each	65

These figures may be more emphatically presented as follows :

89	pupils or	32	per ct. of the whole	come from	20	families.
146	"	52	"	"	"	39	"
216	"	77	"	"	"	74	"

and the entire 100 per cent. is drawn from 139 families. The census of the town at date is 1140. The number of families, excluding bachelors, spinsters, and widows who are childless or have adult absent children, is 277. Our entire school population therefore is drawn from 50 per ct. of the families in town. The accompanying table affords a partial basis for the comparison of the schools :

	NOT PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED	ENROLLMENT BY TERMS			AVERAGE ATTEND. SIX WEEKS		
		1	2	3	1	2	3
Acad'y—Prin.'s room,	49	38	39	43			
" Precep.'s "	22	15	23	21	64	100	92
District No. 2	55	51	61	52	229	236	210
" " 5	14	12	15	14	44	63	59
" " 6	16	15	12	10	66	54	40
" " 7	23	20	18	11	90	75	44
" " 8	21	18	17	18	78	73	82
" " 10	21	15	22	16	69	77	59
" " 11	19	16	17	12	74	77	54
" " 12	15	13	16	12	61	67	54
" " 15	14	13	12	12	54	54	55
" " 17	24	21	26	25	95	94	105

The pupils are classed according to age as follows :

AGES	PUPILS	AGES	PUPILS	AGES	PUPILS
5	5	11	27	17	14
6	20	12	24	18	8
7	11	13	16	19	7
8	24	14	24	20	5
9	32	15	21	21	1
10	26	16	16		

Last year under the pressure of hard times and heavy debt the directors were practically restricted by an appropriation made without their recommendation and even without consulting them concerning the possibilities of the year then beginning. This is unjust and establishes a bad precedent. If the past school year has been less progressive

than some preceding ones, here—so far as the equipment of the schools is concerned—is the patent cause. For imperfect management the parents themselves are in part responsible. The directors are certainly—if competent for their task, and the town has thus far made a wise selection for this the most important office in its gift—the persons best qualified to name a school appropriation that shall be neither extravagant nor niggardly. If an impartial recommendation is sought, it is more likely to proceed from them. The half of our voters who have no children in the schools may include some who do not always or uniformly feel that devotion to the general welfare which pays the school tax cheerfully. But they who are tempted to minimize the school appropriation and to use their education in denying others a like opportunity must remember their freeman's oath, and that they themselves in youth were partly dependent on non-schooling voters who discharged their constitutional obligations. If the schools are poorly equipped, it is because public spirit is weak and tardy in their support. It is not only the parent of school children who profits by liberality in school finances. The well-taught, well-governed school is the best peace-maker, the swiftest and surest cure for laziness, stubbornness, ignorance, poverty and crime that the State ever designed. Of all human devices none surpasses it in keeping the jail and the poor-house forever empty. And we cannot have well-taught and well-governed schools without cost. For as long as experience and facility have to be bought, so long they will have to be sold high enough to avoid loss. Scanty appropriations mean an efflux of competent teachers to other markets, and an influx of inferior teachers to our market. Good teachers cannot be blamed for leaving. Directors cannot be blamed for executing the will of their constituents.

But good teachers are not the only end to be secured by generous appropriations. Suitable repairs, furniture, and

appliances have to be considered. It has too long been the policy of our town and state to allow the teachers to supply not only knowledge, but every agency for the communication of it which his sense of necessity prompted or the extent of his means permitted. We hamper the pupil by placing over him a person without professional love or aptitude. We hamper him scarcely less by denying him those things which light the path where the guide is blind and which simplify the labor of a safe leader.

The changing tenure of our farms has left some of our best school buildings as unavailable as ships borne inland on a tidal wave. Some of the vacant houses were kept in such repair by the citizens of the district under the old system, and some now in use are so inferior to those in towns adjacent as to be a reproach to our community. Nos. 6 (Hatch District), 10 (Strafford road), and 11 (Hunt District), are of such a character. Bad as are these testimonials to our interest in schools, I cannot consistently recommend the expenditure of any considerable sum upon them. They are not worth it. I have long protested against the old double forms which furnish most of the buildings. They distort small children and cramp those of larger growth. They are tributary to disorder; and for one-half of their occupants they are a preventive of good penmanship if not of good scholarship. But what use in furnishing for such buildings the desks that health and progress demand? The academy building is overcrowded, and the larger pupils are still coming up from the outer districts. But it would be folly to attempt the improvement of a structure whose rooms are now too low, too poorly lighted, too rudely ventilated, and too ill arranged for heating. The town has to face in the near future the problem of better accommodations for its school children. A good wooden building of seven rooms and cellar, properly planned, would suffice for the entire school population at a saving of five teachers' salaries, repairs on as many

school-houses and fuel for the same. This rebate would pay cost of transportation if the main routes were contracted, mail-fashion. It is possible that friends of the cause of education who were once schoolmates of our citizens might under personal appeal be induced to aid in this enterprise, and so perpetuate their names among us. But while the outlook at home is far from bright, and aid from abroad is a dream as yet, it is wisest business action in the circumstances to devise means for the furtherance of this plan.

I regret that the subject of discipline in our schools makes it necessary to say a few very plain words. Not for a half decade have there been such irregularities as have disturbed the course of instruction the past year, and never has there been more need of firmness in government. Restiveness under control is contagious, and reckless conduct in adults is copied by children. It is plain in some instances that the teacher's authority has been antagonized in the home. Nothing so thwarts a teacher's efforts or so delays a pupil's improvement as the hasty, impetuous, open family discussion of a teacher's act or course. Such crude and prejudiced discussions by parents unacquainted with the facts in dispute and the evidence upholding them, who in a majority of instances have not even visited the schools to observe what is done in them—are un-American. They utterly ignore that fair play for which the English speaking races have ever been famed. Our teachers are set by state law and requirement as much for the teaching of manners and morals as arithmetic or geography. And a parent can complain of no one but himself if it is necessary for a teacher to interrupt the regular class-work to give instruction in behavior or conduct.

The superintendent—whose office is valuable only as it introduces him to the young life in the community, and gives him occasion for showing his sympathy with the pupils' pursuit of knowledge, and with the teachers' endeavor

to impart it—in laying down an otherwise thankless and fruitless five years task, would make this suggestion to the new year's board of directors: that, with the exception of the teachers for the village schools, which are so much larger than the others as to require permanence in the teaching force, all teachers be contracted for in general terms rather than for particular schools. Teachers should be movable, partly for the preservation of their own usefulness by testing them in different conditions, partly for the sake of the schools which when becoming indifferent may be awaked by a change. This is the method sanctioned by the best educators and pursued in the foremost schools in the country. The reasons for such a policy are

1. Poor teachers largely choose the schools which they think most easily governed and taught. If it is understood that the directors will locate teachers at will, we shall be spared some applications.

2. The districts containing the largest number of dull or careless pupils need the best teachers in the force. Such districts will retrograde without the best teachers. I have in mind as I write two districts that have so retrograded and two others in which the pupils' work is done in an apathetic and perfunctory manner.

3. Greater uniformity of scholarship will result throughout the town from the policy recommended. This is a far-reaching reason and destined to take a mill-stone from the neck of progressive citizens in years to come.

I will make a kindred suggestion in harmony with the upward tendency which our State Supt. seeks to promote: that those teachers be hired whose certificates proceeding from the best authorities have been of the highest grade; and still farther that the demonstrated fitness of a teacher for a work among us shall warrant the directors in presenting special inducements for said teacher's continuance with us.

A final remark upon the teaching work. There has been during the year a vast, and to a large degree profitless, consumption of writing-books. Habitually conscientious children have been careful here as everywhere. But to many pupils the writing lesson has been a picnic in which they might roam at will, and roamed they have in shape and size of letters, and spelling, and punctuation with blots and finger marks. I heartily recommend that next term the teachers use the blackboard for illustration and the pupils the slate instead of the copy-book, and that instruction be given in elementary strokes, in spacing, in disconnected as well as combined letters; and that at least two whole terms shall be spent on the small and loop letters of corresponding forms before proceeding to capitalization.

Apart from mere imitative work like drawing and writing, the employment of the student may be said to be the study of words or marks of others' thought as an aid to his own thought processes. An inquiring visitor of our schools will find many surprises awaiting him as to the pupils' ideas of word meanings. Intelligent reading, the utility of spelling, the comprehension of arithmetic and geography—all depend on the pupil's conception of the words that fall under his eye and his addition of them to his own vocabulary. In the past words have been treated too much as combinations of letters rather than as signs of ideas. To pronounce them or place their constituent letters in the right order has been too often imagined the sole duty of teacher and pupils. This may make memory machines. It does not make thinking beings. And deficiencies in right instruction have been more patent because teachers without normal experience have simply done what similar teachers had done for them. With a dictionary in every school as at present, a teacher to show its use and point out the charms of word history, we might have been spared one humiliating instance of neglect in elementary instruction which this year's work in the high school has brought

to light. The scholars themselves were not blamable. The teacher did not imagine the class would suffer such disastrous defeat. The class in question was composed of pupils whose ages ranged from 14–20, and as a grammar recitation the following exercise was assigned them to supply from the list above the missing words in the sentences below. The small numerals attached to the listed words singly or in pairs show the correct forms.

[Fill the blanks with the following words.]

4 di ges'tion	1 re bell'ion	2 val'or	1 o be'di ence
5 lux'u ry	8 in'fan cy	6 i de'as	4 gas'tric
9 ex cus'es	10 tan gled	3 en joy'ment	7 ca ble
6 war'ri ors	13 me thinks'	13 en dea vor	9 mak ing
2 dis cre'tion	12 cor'o nets	3 des'tined	11 ce les'tial

[1] ..... to tyrants is [1] ..... to God. [2] ..... is the better part of [2] ..... Not [3] ..... and not sorrow is our [3] ..... end or way. [4] ..... is promoted by the [4] ..... juice. Learn the [5] ..... of doing good. ..... are the great ..... of the world. Habit is a [7] ..... . Heaven lies about us in our [8] ..... Don't be good at [9] ..... [9] ..... Oh what a [10] ..... web! Minds are of [11] ..... birth. Kind hearts are more than [12] ..... [13] ..... you should [13] ..... to be wise.

The result is here given:

Obedience to tyrants is a warrior to God.
Discretion is the better part of destined.
Not valor and not sorrow is our cable (? gable) end or way.
Not excuses and not sorrow is our celestial end or way.
Not discretion and not sorrow is our destined end or way.
Discretion is promoted by the methinks juices.
Digestion is promoted by the celestial juice.
Coronets are the great gastric of the world.
Infancy are the great coronets of the world.
Warriors are the great luxury of the world.
Excuses are the great warriors of the world.
Warriors are the great enjoyment of the world.

Habit is a luxury.
Habit is a valor.
Habit is an excuse.
Habit is a warrior.
Heaven lies about us in our cable.
Don't be good at destined ideas.
Don't be good at destined warriors.
Don't be good at making ideas.
Don't be good at making a rebellion.
Minds are of cable birth.
Minds are of infancy birth.
Valor is the better part of warriors.
Kind hearts are more than luxury.
Cable is the luxury of the world.

This outdoes Mark Twain's counterfeit list of examination errors, and reveals ignorance of familiar saws, of oft-quoted verse, of rhythm, and of the dictionary. It is almost too sad to be ludicrous.

But let it not be supposed that this is anything more than an illustration of defective teaching at an earlier stage, and of the cardinal need in our common school work. Good teaching and faithful learning can be shown in the past year as in all the years that have gone before, and the more wide awake and earnest the teacher the better has been the response of the pupil.

BARKER B. SHERMAN, Supt.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 12, 1897.

Births

1896.	Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
Jan. 17.	Lena Belle Doyle.	Charles F. & Hattie E.
Feb. 11.	Eunice May Bowin.	G. Clinton & Ethel R.
24.	Anna May Lucas.	Lew. N., Jr. & Nellie S.
Mar. 25.	Ellen Eula Larkin.	Edwin L. & Clara B.
April 7.	. . . Clarke.	Henry & Josie M.
19.	Lewis Blane Abbott.	Joseph & Rosa.
June 2.	Edward Hall Bacon.	John B. & S. Ada.
16.	Lyman Jackson Fitts.	Houston S. & Amelia C
July 30.	William Clinton Simons.	George N. & Mary.
Aug. 4.	Olive Walker.	Horace T. & Cora May.
18.	. . . Dickinson.	Charles P. & May L.
25.	Cecil Ray Kent.	Gilbert H. & Louisa B.
Sept. 6.	. . . Edwards.	John A. & Lucy A.
26.	Walter Wallace Lombard.	Joseph & Mary Ann.
Nov. 11.	. . . Morey.	Alonzo F. & Flora L.
11.	. . . Morey.	Alonzo F. & Flora L.
Dec. 17.	Minnie Rogers.	Perley W. & Alice L.

Marriages

1896.

Jan. 1. Will H. Titus, of Chelsea, to Hattie E. Robbins, of Chelsea.

May 30. Willie A. Densmore, of Chelsea, to Cora S. Durkee, of Tunbridge.

Oct. 3. Charles M. Blaisdell, of Chelsea, to Ellen Davis, of Royalton.

11. William Adelbert Reed, of Chelsea, to Cora Adeline Davis, of Chelsea.

14. Hale Knight Darling, of Chelsea, to Maybell Maude Hyde, of Chelsea.

28. Frederick Chandler Waldo, of Chelsea, to Celestia Crafts Willis, of Chelsea.

Nov. 12. Herman James Bugbee, of Concord, N. H., to Agnes Maria Whitney, of Chelsea, Vt.

Dec. 6. Fred Eathsa Allen, of Chelsea, to Amanda L. Clark, of Chelsea.

24. Walter Lewis Carpenter, of Chelsea, to Alta E. Bowin, of Chelsea.

Deaths

1896.	Name.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 15.	Charles Pettengill Stevens.	34	4	
30.	Frank Willie Sanborn.	12	5	16
30.	Cathar'e Maria (Gray) Hartwell	84	9	15
Mar. 14.	Nancy Sanborn (Grant) Fuller.	77	10	23
17.	James Gilman Rolfe.	71	10	8
26.	Mary (Bixby) Gale.	80	3	26
Apr. 1.	Charity (Spiller) Annis.	93		29
6.	Adeline Clark.	65	5	13
8.	. . . Clark.			1
12.	Myra B. Sleeper.	14	8	26
14.	Martha Ann (Chapman) Bacon.	52	7	16
15.	Leon L. Bemis.	24	7	24
24.	Elmina Lucy (Davis) Wallice.	34	7	10
25.	Lyman Denison.	64	8	26
May 10.	Lydia (Folsom) Hood.	99	2	24
12.	Sarah Ann (Eastman) Mills.	82	2	4
12.	Samuel Denison.	77	7	22
28.	Oliver Gurdon Lincoln.	79	6	28
June 5.	Nathan Grout Hale.	83	10	12
5.	Bessie Evelyn Hood.	2		21
July 22.	Sophia Titus Robbins.	79	9	24
23.	. . . Smith.			
31.	Leonard Harvey Sanborn.	74	8	1

Aug 18.	. . . Dickinson.			
26.	Sarah Ann Minard.	52	4	6
Sep. 2.	Carlton O. Burnham.	61	7	11
Oct. 1.	Cora E. Bacon Dexter.	28	8	10
Nov 11.	. . . Morey.			
Dec. 20.	Warren Amos Spear.	69	5	14

The Selectmen would respectfully call attention to sections 5, 6 and 7, of Act No. 56, of the Laws of 1896, relating to Births and Deaths.

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TOWN MEETING WARNING.

The legal voters of the town of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, in Chelsea, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of March, A.D. 1898, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to hear and act on the following articles, viz:

1. To choose a moderator.

2. To choose a town clerk.

3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several town officers.

4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5. To raise money to pay the indebtedness of the town, and to defray the expenses for the ensuing year.

6. To see if the town will vote to put its tax-bills into the town treasurer's hands for collection, in accordance with the law relating thereto.

7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the support of the public library.

8. To see if the town will vote to pay to Erastus Bugbee the amount (in money) of property taken by the overseer of the poor.

9. To transact any other proper business.

C. P. DICKINSON,
H. S. FITTS,
J. M. FLINT,
} Selectmen of Chelsea.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 16, 1898.

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Town Officers for the Year 1897–98.

Moderator,		JOHN M. COMSTOCK
Clerk,		W. P. TOWNSEND
Selectmen,		C. P. DICKINSON H. S. FITTS J. M. FLINT
Treasurer,		W. P. TOWNSEND
Overseer of Poor,		C. P. DICKINSON
First Constable,		ALONZO NOYES
Road Commissioner,		HORACE MOXLEY
Collector of Taxes,		CHARLES E. GODFREY
Second Constable,		CHARLES E. GODFREY
Listers,		ALVAH CARPENTER A. L. SPRAGUE B. H. ADAMS, Jr.
Auditors,		W. S. HATCH J. A. R. CORWIN C. S. EMERY
Trustee Public Money,		W. P. TOWNSEND
School Directors,	Three years, Two years, One year,	AZARIAH BARNES E. A. CORWIN E. W. HOOD
Town Superintendent,		Mrs. W. E. ALLEN
Clerk,		J. M. COMSTOCK
Trustees Public Library,	Five years, Four years, Three years, Two years, One year,	M. H. CORWIN G. L. STOW J. B. BACON H. L. BIXBY J. M. COMSTOCK
Town Grand Jurors,		ORCUTT BIXBY G. L. HAYWARD J. A. R. CORWIN
Fence Viewers,		SELECTMEN
Inspector of Leather,		F. E. ALLEN
Inspector of Lumber and Shingles,		FRANK T. BECKWITH
Town Agent,		C. S. EMERY

Road Commissioner's Report.

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid by order No.		
132	Mike Riley,	$2 37
134	Clinton L Buzzell,	8 85
136	G W Hersey,	6 70
137	J A Edwards,	5 25
138	F T Davis,	3 00
139	H J Kingsbury,	12 38
141	G B Lane,	7 00
142	M L Ramsdell,	2 25
144	S M Rich,	5 75
145	A H Denison,	5 81
147	Henry Clarke,	6 00
151	E G Thorne,	2 00
152	J A Stanley,	4 50
153	F R Laird,	17 00
155	C S Burroughs,	4 61
156	J McConnell,	3 87
157	W H Beckwith,	4 00
174	A L Sprague,	16 61
176	H S Annis,	4 55
189	J B Cosgrove,	7 75
198	W F Dewey,	6 99
214	E Grosvenor,	1 50
8	E E Stone,	5 00
25	W H Bugbee,	3 00
31	Alvah Robinson,	4 50
45	E N Bacon,	2 65
55	Warren Stearns,	4 50

62	W L Carpenter,	$2 00
63	A Barnes,	2 37
68	C C Scales,	5 40
71	G F Barnes,	1 87
72	W E Bacon,	4 80
54	J A Tracy,	2 28
		$177 11

STATE TAX, PAID BY THE FOLLOWING ORDERS.

146	F E Allen,	$2 00
158	Horace Moxley,	2 95
210	Horace Moxley, labor with team,	19 75
1	George Fuller, labor,	15 00
2	Wales Moulton, labor,	10 80
4	W H Luce, labor,	8 00
6	John McCollom, labor,	20 00
7	W C Goss, labor,	14 85
9	W H Luce, labor,	9 00
10	George Fuller, labor,	14 00
11	A Hood, labor,	9 00
13	E L Larkin, labor,	3 50
14	G F Folsom, labor with team,	43 20
17	Charles Dow, labor,	4 05
18	Wales Moulton, labor,	6 75
19	H Moxley, labor with team,	50 00
20	C M Hunt, labor on sluice,	1 80
22	A I Dexter, labor with team, and stone,	21 80
24	C Slack, labor with team,	4 80
26	G M Young, labor with team,	4 80
26	W H Luce, labor,	5 25
28	E Burgess, labor, and timber for sluice,	6 50
29	J McCollom, labor,	10 50
30	G Goodell, labor,	2 40
32	E G Brown, labor, and timber for sluice,	12 00
33	H Moxley, tile,	7 80
35	C W Bixby, labor and gravel,	6 40
37	For tools,	24 00

38	C O Slack,	$7 50
42	F P Hall, labor,	2 40
47	David Dickerman, for sluices,	11 14
48	H Moxley, labor with team,	35 00
52	D Dewey, for sluices,	28 55
58	J M Grant, for sluices,	16 00
65	P L Sargent, for stone,	2 50
66	N G Moore, labor with team,	1 60
78	H Moxley, labor, and money paid out,	30 90
		$476 49

TOWN TAX, PAID BY THE FOLLOWING ORDERS.

135	Mrs Lewis Whitney,	$2 00
140	Wm Cady, labor,	2 00
143	W D Hook, labor,	1 25
148	L A Burbank, labor, and dam. by winter road,	7 00
149	Ira Thompson, labor,	3 00
150	H L Bixby, labor,	2 60
159	W H Luce, labor,	7 05
160	W H Luce, labor,	5 00
161	C Dow, labor,	4 50
162	F M Perkins, labor,	4 27
163	Henry Clarke, labor with team,	15 00
164	W H Luce, labor,	10 00
166	G W Hersey, labor,	4 50
167	W A Reed, labor,	9 00
168	Henry Clarke, labor with team,	40 00
169	W H Luce, labor,	13 00
170	C M Hunt, labor,	4 75
171	A E Bacon, agent,	40 05
172	W Moulton, labor,	4 00
173	W H Luce, labor,	11 00
175	C P Dickinson,	7 37
177	J M Grant, agent,	47 72
178	A G Bradshaw, labor with team,	21 00
179	W H Luce, labor,	11 00
180	H Moxley, labor with team,	160 00

181	W H Luce, labor,	$5 00
182	W C H Wallace, damage by winter road,	5 00
183	F P Hall, labor,	9 00
184	David Dickerman, agent,	39 33
185	A B Wright, labor,	4 50
186	P L Sargent, labor,	5 00
187	Henry Clarke, labor with team,	16 75
188	G W Cleveland, labor,	3 00
190	C A Lyon, labor,	9 80
191	W H Luce, labor,	7 50
192	G B Colby, agent,	16 80
193	E Burgess, labor,	3 50
194	G C Bowen, labor,	8 75
195	G S Adams, labor,	5 50
196	H Moxley, labor with team,	40 00
197	H J Kingsbury, labor with team,	3 00
199	W F Dewey, agent,	65 00
200	C W Bixby, labor,	7 50
201	W H Luce, labor,	5 00
202	F C Waldo, agent,	48 02
203	W H Luce, labor,	7 50
204	P J Little, agent,	18 00
205	G N Simonds, labor,	1 10
206	C M Hunt, labor,	2 90
207	G B Roberts, labor,	4 00
208	W H Luce, labor,	5 00
209	Frank Gilman, agent,	15 10
211	A E Hopkins, damage by winter road,	2 50
212	L H Bohonon, damage by winter road,	2 50
213	G W Taplin, agent,	42 23
215	W H Luce, labor,	13 50
3	Wm Cady, labor,	6 00
5	A G Bradshaw, team,	11 00
15	B Sanborn, labor,	15 75
16	E G Reed, labor,	8 25
21	M O Gates, labor,	6 50
23	C W Bacon, labor,	3 85

27	L J Gray, labor,	$2 70
34	S L Rich, labor,	2 40
36	M M Sanborn, labor,	2 40
39	W A Reed, labor,	5 20
40	E A George, labor, and timber for sluice,	5 75
41	W M Mattoon, labor with team,	7 35
43	A M Burnham, labor,	1 50
44	P J Little, agent,	5 58
46	E B Dickinson, labor,	2 10
49	R W Laird, labor,	7 20
50	J D Ballou, care of road,	6 75
51	J M Flint, agent,	27 00
53	C W Goodwin, agent,	6 36
56	F E Bixby, labor,	3 25
56	J O Perkins, for dirt,	80
57	F Hackett, labor,	4 20
59	J M Grant, agent,	23 27
60	F C Waldo, agent,	1 50
61	C C Scales, labor,	17 10
64	E E Densmore, labor,	1 00
67	T Sullivan, bill,	9 40
69	C E F Baker, labor,	1 25
70	A W Whitney. labor and rolling roads,	9 60
73	W E Bacon, agent,	32 10
74	G F Folsom, repairs and labor,	2 00
75	A E Bacon, agent,	3 25
76	G W Taplin, agent,	1 80
77	L N Lucas, labor,	3 15
79	W J Tarbell, labor,	1 50
80	G B Colby, agent,	10 20
81	E O Tracy,	6 50
82	C P Dickinson,	7 98
		$1132 83

Total expense of highways,	$1786 43
Expense of bridges,	1338 33
Total expense highways and bridges,	$3124 76

Division of Parsonage Money.

Paid Methodist society,	$19 50
Methodist society, West Hill,	19 50
Congregational society,	19 50
	$58 50

Cemetery Report

HIGHLAND CEMETERY.

Due from town, Feb. 11, 1897,		$947 09	
Interest on same,		37 88	
			984 97
Cash from A I Dexter,	lot 207	$12 00	
M M Dunham,	" 220	12 00	
Alice L Hackett,	" 320	12 00	
H O & H F Bryant,	" 317	12 00	
			48 00
Due for lots sold and unpaid :			
George B Langmaid, ¼ lot,		$3 50	
Henry Clarke,		12 00	
Leroy Sleeper,		12 00	
Eli Sanborn, ½ lot,		7 00	
Joseph Landon,		12 00	
George Goodrich,		12 00	
			58 50
			$1090 47
Paid E D Barnes, four trees,		$2 00	
H M Mattoon, labor,		21 45	
Geo Goodrich, trees,		2 60	
Geo Fuller, labor,		27 60	
Geo Simonds, labor,		4 63	
Orange Densmore, rep. mowing mach.		1 20	
			59 48
			$1030 99

CEMETERY NEAR WEST HILL MEETING HOUSE.

Rec'd of Julia Taylor, lot 15,	$5 00	
Due from John Edwards,	5 00	
George Colby,	5 00	
		$15 00
Paid Chas Wyman, for addition to cemetery,		$30 00
Rec'd from John Osborn,		$25 00

FUND.

Money left by Mrs. Sarah Grow, the income to be used to keep her lot in repair in Highland Cemetery, and two other lots in the old cemetery, as per her will recorded in the town clerk's office, May 20, 1889.

CR.

Received income on fund,		$4 00

DR.

Paid N S Bixby, work on lots,	$3 00	
Amount due the town last year,	50	
Cash in selectmen's hands,	50	
		$4 00

Town Clerk's Report

DOG LICENSES, 1897.

74 dogs licensed, at $1,	$74 00	
2 " " 2,	4 00	
4 " " 4,	16 00	
		$94 00
Fees retained on 80 licenses issued,		8 00
Cash paid into town treasury,		$86 00

W. P. TOWNSEND, Town Clerk.

Damage by dogs—George Medcalf, $2.00.

Report of Town Hall

Received for rent,		$107 60
Paid Geo E Hatch, care of hall,	$53 00	
for wood,	22 50	
for repairs and supplies,	19 79	
		95 29
		$12 31
By coal and wood on hand,		29 00
		$41 31

Liquor Agency

Liquor on hand, Feb. 1, 1898,	$361 12	
Cash received for sale of liquor,	993 66	
		$1354 78
Liquor on hand, Feb. 1, 1897,	$279 96	
Paid for liquors including f'gt & exp.,	898 12	
Insurance on liquor,	5 00	
U S license,	25 00	
Agent's salary,	100 00	
Paid for sales' book,	2 25	
		1310 33
Net profit,		$44 45

Report of Town Farm

S. T. Farrington, Superintendent.

Ira Thompson, two turkeys,	$6 00
F E Allen, goods and labor, 1896,	6 90
Mrs Louis Whitney, 3 cows and 4 turkeys,	78 00
G L Hayward, sawing wood, and 2 pigs, '96,	12 00
Geo Hersey, labor with team,	6 60
W A Reed, planting corn,	5 50
E D Barnes, 4 pigs,	6 00
Frank Hackett, one cow,	26 50
C A Bacon, one milk can,	2 00
L C & F T Beckwith, sawing lumber,	28 25
Geo Hersey, labor,	2 00
Fred Folsom, labor,	2 00
W H Titus, 4 pigs,	6 00
Alfred George, labor,	2 20
Scott George, labor with team,	14 30
C E Baker, labor,	3 00
Scott George, 1 cow,	30 00
W D Hook, 1 bull,	15 00
E L Larkin, labor,	20 00
Fred Folsom, labor,	6 00
C P Dickinson, phosphate,	50 90
R W Allen, meat,	20 50
Everett Ballou, lumber,	80
Mrs Leander Bennett, 2 milk cans,	4 00
Scott George, labor, self and wife,	3 75
C S Emery, insurance,	5 48
H W Dearborn, goods,	1 40
W P Townsend, town tax,	16 32
E H Kennedy, making cider,	1 02
Mrs Scott George, labor,	3 00
Bixby & Perkins, meat,	3 55
Mrs Scott George, labor,	1 00

F E Allen, labor and goods,	2 70	
E O Tracy, goods,	25 33	
A R Hood & Son, goods,	30 33	
J A R Corwin, goods,	69 18	
A H Powers, feed,	72 61	
W H Hill, labor,	10 90	
Timothy Sullivan, labor,	7 95	
W S Hatch, goods,	26 54	
C P Dickinson, goods,	123 40	
Selectmen, rent of parsonage right,	12 04	
Eunice A Noyes, liquor,	3 90	
G L Hayward, sawing wood,	10 50	
Bixby & Perkins, beef,	1 10	
Frank Titus, 3 eavespouts,	1 20	
C S Shepard,	10 00	
Box rent,	40	
Dr A B Smith,	1 50	
C O Slack, feed,	88 69	
S T Farrington, salary,	225 00	
		$1113 24

Appraisal of Stock, Tools, Provisions, etc., February 1, 1898.

9 cows,	$270 00
1 nine years old mare,	65 00
1 eight years old mare,	75 00
4 hogs,	30 00
30 hens,	9 00
12 tons hay,	96 00
13 bushels corn,	6 50
100 bushels potatoes,	75 00
4 bushels beans,	5 00
¼ bushel peas,	25
150 pounds salt pork,	15 00
290 pounds fresh meat,	14 50
15 pounds lard,	1 20
5 pounds butter,	1 00
1 barrel vinegar,	4 00
pickles,	1 50
3 gallons boiled cider,	1 50
4 pounds tea,	1 60
2 pounds coffee,	40
1 two-horse wagon,	20 00
1 two-horse sled,	30 00
neck yoke, sp'd ch.	2 00
½ m. shingles,	1 25
2 drag rakes,	1 00
1 potato digger,	50
1 hay knife,	1 00
4 manure forks,	75
6 hoes,	1 00
426 tin sap buckets,	42 60
feed in silo,	80 00
bran,	54
1 bushel grass seed,	2 00
200 lbs. maple sugar,	10 00
meal,	22
3 sap pans,	3 00
2 sap pails,	1 00
60 bushels oats,	21 00
20 pounds clover,	2 00
2 tons straw,	8 00
1 stone drag,	2 00
1 sugaring-off pan,	3 00
1 draw tub,	5 00
1 holder,	2 00
6 milk cans,	12 00
1 caldron kettle,	2 00
3 logging chains,	2 00
2 trace chains,	1 00
2 halters,	1 00
1 horse blanket,	1 50
2 cider barrels,	2 00
2 bushel baskets	75
1 ½ bushel basket,	25
2 ½ bushel measures,	50
½ bbl. flour,	3 00
soap,	5 00
35 cords stove wood,	87 50
lumber and bark,	8 00
6 sled tongues,	2 00
2 ox carts,	10 00
1 wagon,	10 00
1 sleigh,	4 00
1 ox sled,	5 00
2 bob sleds,	6 00
3 harnesses,	20 00
2 yokes,	2 00
3 ladders,	3 00
1 plow,	3 00
2 harrows,	20 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 00
1 mowing machine,	20 00
1 horse rake,	15 00
1 garden rake,	25
2 scythes and 2 snaths,	1 00
1 grindstone,	3 00
2 spades,	1 00
1 manure hook,	50
3 shovels,	1 00
12 meal bags,	1 00
1 robe,	7 00
6 axes,	3 00
1 vise,	50
1 cultivator,	5 00

1 corn knife,	25
3 cant hooks,	3 00
4 wedges,	50
1 cross-cut saw,	1 00
1 key-hole saw,	25
2 wood saws,	75
augers, chisel & bits,	2 00
1 steel square,	1 00
1 draw knife,	50
1 block plane,	50
1 fore plane,	50
1 jointer,	75
3 hammers,	1 00
1 try square,	25
div., chisel, line, etc.	50
1 force pump,	1 00
2 sprinklers,	1 40
2 monkey wrenches,	50
2 prs. sheep shears,	50
1 hand rake,	10
3 gals kerosene oil,	45
1 evaporator and arch,	40 00
	$1,241 76

Produce Sold from Town Farm.

Butter,	$244 82	
Orcutt Bixby, for calves,	30 05	
C P Dickinson, 601 lbs. maple sugar,	30 05	
C P Dickinson, eggs,	1 74	
N S Bixby, wagon,	20 00	
Geo H Hersey, 32 lbs pork,	2 56	
E D Barnes, turkeys,	3 76	
Frank Bixby, pork,	28 33	
One cow,	37 50	
R W Allen, beef,	18 00	
Janette Clark, potatoes,	20	
Scott George, labor,	60	
George Goodrich, part payment for bull,	10 00	
E D Barnes, 391 lbs pork,	19 55	
Samuel Beckwith, 1 turkey,	99	
Frank Davis, beef,	8 22	
E D Barnes, beef,	7 92	
Horace Moxley, labor on highway,	7 98	
Selectmen, for plank,	3 19	
Bixby & Perkins, one hide,	4 62	
Due from Geo Goodrich,	10 00	
Alonzo Noyes, potatoes,	75	
		$490 83

Poor away from Town Farm.

Mrs Sarah Garvin,		
Paid Ira Thompson, house rent,		$25 00
Cassendana Stoddard,		
Paid J D Ballou, board and care,		52 00
Mary Dunbar,		
Paid C P Dickinson, goods,		6 97
Mrs Chester Baker,		
Paid Emma Brown, care,		7 00
Perley Rogers,		
Paid C P Dickinson, goods,		5 91
Henry Lyford,		
Paid C P Dickinson, goods,	16 30	
J A R Corwin, goods,	7 35	23 65
Paid F H Godfrey, medical attendance,		23 75
Tramps,		
Paid F I Whitney, board,		2 25
		$146 53

Cash received for Rent and Produce sold away from Town Farm.

Received from Freeman Noyes, for wood from Avery place,	$5 00	
Fred Hall, for chair,	1 00	
G L Hayward, for B wire,	1 50	
A F Whitney, wagon,	15 00	
A Bradshaw, rent of Avery place,	20 00	
Chester Doten, do	7 00	
Frank Bixby, for potatoes,	4 20	53 70
Due from Chester Doten,	14 00	
on Whitney & Akerman note,	31 00	45 00
		$98 70

Statement of Town Farm Account.

To stock on hand, 1897,	$1096 44	
interest on surplus money,	88 32	
cash paid as per this report,	1113 24	
due S T Harrington, April 1st, 1898,	50 00	
		$2348 00

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By stock on hand,	$1241 76	
cash received and produce sold,	544 53	
Due and unpaid,	45 00	
		$1831 29
Expense,		$516 71

Recapitulation of the Cost of Support of Poor.

Total cost of Town Farm,	$516 71	
do poor away from Farm,	146 53	
		$663 24

Report of Property taken from Erastus Bugbee.

Cash in overseer's hands, Feb 1, '97,	$143 46	
received from Ira Thompson,	28 50	
A F Whitney,	26 00	
Henry Clark,	1 42	
in selectmen's hands,	$199 38	
due from town,	89 00	
do A F Whitney, on farm,	259 00	
		$547 38
Due on J K Darling note,	$120 01	
P'd A N King, supplies for Mrs. Bugbee,	8 79	
		128 80
		$418 58

Orders Drawn by Overseer

Ira Thompson, two turkeys,	$6 00
F E Allen, goods and labor,	6 90
C O Slack, feed,	5 85
Mrs Louis Whitney, 3 cows and 4 turkeys,	78 00
Geo L Hayward, sawing wood, and 2 pigs,	12 00
Mrs Emma Brown, care of Mrs Chester Baker,	7 00
C O Slack, feed,	15 60
Geo Hersey, labor with team,	6 60
W A Reed, planting corn,	5 50
E D Barnes, four pigs,	6 00
C O Slack, feed,	7 30
Frank Hackett, one cow,	26 50
C A Bacon, milk can,	2 00
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	20 00
L C & F T Beckwith, sawing lumber,	28 25
C O Slack, feed,	13 82
G W Hersey, hooping sap holders and planting beans,	2 00
Fred Folsom, sowing grain,	2 00
W H Titus, four pigs,	6 00
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	25 00
Alfred George, labor,	2 20
S T Farriugton, apply on salary,	25 00
C O Slack, feed,	12 87
Henry Clark, labor with team,	2 56
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	25 00
Scott George, labor,	14 30
C O Slack, feed,	5 60
C E F Baker, labor,	3 00
Scott George, one cow,	30 00
W D Hook, one bull,	15 00
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	15 00
E L Larkin, labor,	20 00
F H Folsom, labor with team,	6 00
C O Slack, feed,	10 05
C P Dickinson, phosphate,	50 90
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	20 00
R W Allen, meat,	20 56
Everett Ballou, lumber,	8 00
Mrs Leander Bennett, two milk cans,	4 00

Scott George, labor,	3 75
C O Slack, feed,	6 10
C S Emery, insurance on town farm,	5 48
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	25 00
H W Dearborn, goods,	1 40
W P Townsend, town tax,	16 32
E H Kennedy, making cider and planing lumber,	1 02
Mrs Scott Gerge, labor,	3 00
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	20 00
Bixby & Perkins, meat,	3 55
Mrs Scott George, labor,	1 00
C O Slack, feed,	6 55
E D Barnes, board of Abbott children,	6 00
C P Dickinson, check to A N King & Son, goods delivered to Mrs Bugbee,	8 49
F E Allen, goods and labor	2 70
J D Ballou, care of Mrs Stoddard to Feb. 17, 1898,	52 00
E O Tracy, goods,	25 33
A R Hood & Son, goods,	30 33
J A R Corwin, goods,	76 53
Dr F H Godfrey, doctoring,	23 75
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	25 00
Selectmen, orders 26–32,	25 00
C E Godfrey, taxes on Avery property, list 1896,	3 27
A H Powers, feed,	72 61
W H Hill, labor,	10 90
Timothy Sullivan, labor,	7 95
W S Hatch, goods,	26 54
Ira Thompson, house rent,	25 00
C P Dickinson, goods,	123 40
Selectmen, rent of parsonage right,	12 04
Eunice Noyes, liquor for town farm,	3 90
C O Slack, feed,	4 95
Geo L Hayward, sawing wood,	10 50
F I Whitney, keeping tramp,	2 25
C P Dickinson, cash paid out,	20 45
W P Townsend, interest on surplus money,	88 32

C. P. DICKINSON, Overseer.

Report of Trustees of Chelsea Public Library and Alden Speare Memorial Library Building.

The library has been well patronized during the year past and seems to have established its claims as a permanent institution among us. More new books than usual were purchased last spring with the annual appropriation, and a printed supplement was inserted in the recently published catalogue, thus making it more convenient for patrons to find out what books are in the library. The rebinding of old books and obtaining a portrait of Hon. Alden Speare, the donor, constitute the other items of expense. The former item ought to be less, and if all were as careful as some are in their use, the books would endure much longer. To the courtesy of Senator Justin S. Morrill and of Representative H. Henry Powers, of the First Vermont District, we continue indebted for the reception of valuable public documents. Below follows the statement of receipts and expenditures since our report of last year was presented :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Feb. 8, 1897,	$19 93	
Appropriation by town, March 2, 1897,	50 00	
Received from subscriptions,	3 50	
sale of catalogues,	60	
fines,	7 50	
		$81 53

EXPENSES.

Paid for books bought,	$63 71	
freight on same,	75	
printing supplement to catalogue,	3 15	
binding books,	11 10	
por. of Alden Speare and frame,	9 75	
		88 46
Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 8, 1898,		$6 93

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Comstock,
Hira L. Bixby,
John B. Bacon,
Geo. L. Stow,
M. H. Corwin,
} Trustees.

Orders Drawn by Selectmen

J A R Corwin, services as auditor	$5 00
Alvah Carpenter, services as lister	20 00
F I Whitney, services as lister	19 50
W S Hatch, services as auditor	5 00
C P Dickinson, services as selectman	50 00
Selectmen, services as overseers	50 00
E A Corwin, services as school director	10 00
C S Emery, services as auditor and town agent	15 00
W P Townsend, services as town treasurer and clerk	30 90
H N Mattison, services of H T Walker as lister	21 75
B B Sherman, services as superintendent	56 00
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	181 81
do do J S Benham, alcohol	114 01
do do Thos H Cave, printing reports	57 00
Horace Moxley, services as selectman	12 00
Horace Walker, min. money due M. E. Ch., West Hill	19 50
H S Fitts, services as selectman	6 00
Richard Kennedy, 385 feet lumber	3 85
S T Farrington, balance of salary	50 00
E E Densmore, breaking out sidewalk and use of team	7 00
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall	12 25
Josoph Landon, care of town clock to April 1, 1897	6 00
W H Titus, error in tax 1896	2 69
H W Dearborn, min. money due M. E. Church	19 50
Laura R Fuller, int. on orders 21 & 37, to Feb. 12, 1897	13 60
S T Farrington, apply on salary	15 00
W P Townsend, making returns to state supt	9 87
Clara J Laird, money borrowed to pay town indebtedness,	215 00
C M Hunt, do	100 00
Normie W Hunt, do	25 00
Henry Clarke, damage breaking through Thorne bridge	200 00
S T Farrington, apply on salary	10 00
Thos Doyle, labor on bridge	1 50

Amos Wright, labor and use of drills	7 86
E G Thorne, three stringers	6 00
L D Parkhurst, painting two hearses	24 00
A Barnes, 2211 feet plank	22 11
J M Comstock, money voted by town for library	50 00
Laura R Fuller, money borrowed to pay town indebted.,	60 00
Frank Titus, two watering tubs	11 84
E L Larkin, splitting stone	20 80
Geo Fuller, labor	7 50
C H Rowell, labor	30 00
Thos Doyle, labor with team	5 00
W H Emery, labor, man and team, and two posts	3 00
Amos Wright, labor	21 10
C M Hall, labor	18 00
John McCollom, labor	6 45
C P Dickinson, check to A L Weeks, liquor tax	25 00
W H Nichols, fees in Cleveland case	2 50
W P Townsend, state highway and state school tax	448 10
C W Bacon, labor on bridge	2 00
Joseph Landon, care of town clock	6 00
Fred Waldo, lumber	64 00
Hyde Cabot, money lent town	52 00
T J Doyle, labor	5 25
H N Mattison, int. on school orders Nos. 49 and 50	26 40
W M Mattoon, putting in Shoe Factory bridge	62 00
Amos Wright, labor	3 00
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall	10 50
H N Mattison, int. on orders Nos. 357-8-9	30 00
Dennis Giles, 2016 feet plank	20 16
H N Mattison, int. on orders Nos. 356, 262-3-4-5-6-7	70 00
Elisha Burgess, labor and lumber	13 00
J B Wills, three scrapers	24 00
H S Fitts, labor	40 30
C P Dickinson, check to D T Mills & Co., alcohol	116 25
E L Larkin, labor	10 60
C P Dickinson, 2000 feet plank	20 00
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall	3 50
Henry Clarke, labor	3 25
C P Dickinson, check to H A Blanchard & Co	37 05
W M Mattoon, labor	14 05
C H Rowell, labor	25 50
W H Bugbee, 1371 feet plank	13 71
E L Larkin, labor, and twelve stringers	35 10

W C Goss, labor	13 75
H S Annis, 180 feet plank	1 80
Geo Fuller, labor	22 50
J H & Fillmore Edwards, labor	17 55
J M Comstock, making town tax	10 00
Levi Pierce, labor	27 75
W M Mattoon, labor	6 00
W P Townsend, money paid for books, etc	28 95
H N Mattison, int. on orders Nos. 262-3-4-5-6-7	60 00
Wyram Morse, labor	3 00
Harry Bowen, labor	1 27
H S Fitts, labor on bridges	49 75
S L Rich, labor	13 20
J B Ackerman, five cords wood for town hall	22 50
Ben Goodrich, putting up rail on highway	2 00
Levi Pierce, building bridge on Bugbee road	22 00
Geo Fuller, labor with team	9 84
Joseph Landon, care of town clock and extra work	8 00
Milo Sanborn, labor	6 00
H N Mattison, int. on order No. 356	10 00
G L Hayward, building Bugbee road	90 63
Mahlon Young, labor	3 00
Henry Bryant, labor	7 00
W C Goss, labor	6 00
C M Hall, labor	3 00
Wales Moulton, labor	7 50
E J Flanders, labor	6 39
Levi Pierce, labor	29 25
F J Thorne, poles for railing	4 50
A F Morey, 830 feet plank	8 30
A Barnes, lumber and building bridge	40 00
do labor	1 50
W P Townsend, state tax	423 06
Levi Pierce, labor	1 50
Everett Ballou, labor and lumber	31 79
Edward Brown, labor with team	20 40
W A Reed, labor	3 00
T J Doyle, labor and lumber	4 50
E A George, labor and lumber	27 75
E N Bacon, labor	12 29
Warren Stearns, labor	16 80
Geo Folsom, labor with team	21 74
Dyer Parker, labor	31 50

J M Comstock, county tax	44 81
J M Flint, labor, etc	30 25
C S Emery, insurance on town hall	16 00
Calvin Goodwin, labor	5 50
O P Bacon, labor and lumber	6 73
H W Dearborn, labor	2 00
Willis Scales, labor with team	49 83
A G Bradshaw, labor	8 00
Milo Sanborn, labor	11 15
E O Mattoon, labor and lumber	3 03
W H Bugbee, 115 feet plank	1 15
M O Gates, labor with team	17 60
Lewis Gray, labor	3 90
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall	12 75
P J Little, error in taxes	5 38
L C & F T Beckwith, sawing 2756 feet plank	6 84
C S Emery, insuring town hall and library	20 00
C P Dickinson, check to Good Roads Machine Co	24 00
do do J S Benham, alcohol	108 20
do do do liquor	158 23
H N Mattison, payment of order 262	504 35
Wm Robbins, damage to field	3 00
Horace Moxley, labor and land damage	48 35
H W Speare, labor	6 40
do 1760 feet plank	17 60
James Sanford, wood for town hall	1 25
Fred Hall, labor	1 50
H N Mattison, interest on orders	124 53
A H Powers, min. money due Cong'l Church	19 50
M O Coburn, labor	18 60
Joseph Landon, care of town clock	6 00
C F Button, payment of order No. 73, with interest	263 33
H N Mattison, int. on orders Nos. 49-50	31 68
Geo Densmore, labor	1 25
J M Grant, labor	13 08
C M Hunt, payment of order No. 29, with interest	102 60
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	84 79
do do J S Benham, alcohol	112 80
Geo S Worcester, fire extinguisher	14 50
E O Tracy, goods and labor	52 21
J M Flint, labor with team	60 00
C P Dickinson, 319 feet plank	3 19
H S Fitts, labor on bridges	159 85

C E Godfrey, taxes abated by board of civil authority	17 13
do labor and material	10 95
W H Hill, labor	1 40
O D Medcalf, labor and material	2 95
Timothy Sullivan, labor	10 40
W H Luce, labor and lumber	2 00
Willard S Hatch, goods	4 82
C P Dickinson, goods	56 69
H N Mattison, interest on orders Nos. 357–8–9	30 00
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall	14 00
Newell S Bixby, labor and lighting lamps	6 75
B H Adams, driving hearse	22 50
Alonzo Noyes, freight on liquor	16 22
Eunice A Noyes, salary as liquor agent and money paid	102 25
C A Densmore, labor and material	2 15
W P Townsend, interest on U S deposit money	60 22
C P Dickinson, money paid out	102 25
Geo W Hersey, four bridge stringers	16 00

Orders Drawn by School Directors

105	Morris L Moulton, putting in wood in No. 7	$ 1 00
106	Ernest M Riley, care of school house No. 6	3 00
107	E E Densmore, 8¼ solid cords wood for No. 2	28 44
108	E E Densmore, 2¾ solid cords wood for No. 17	8 31
109	Geo B Roberts, 1 cord dry wood for No. 2	5 00
110	H J Payne, part transportation of scholars winter term 1896–97	6 00
111	J F Hemenway, transportation of Payne children part of winter term	5 60
112	A S Camp, care of school house No. 11 and repairs on same	5 50
113	Geo B Roberts, 1 cord dry wood for No. 2	5 00
114	Loren J Goodrich, care of school house No. 8	3 00
115	H A Kingsbury, 2 cords wood for No. 8	7 00
116	Ray Thorne, care of school house No. 15	3 00
117	Clinton Buzzell, 2 cords wood for No. 11	7 00
118	C P Dickinson, goods furnishad academy	1 19
119	K Alice Edwards, cleaning school house No. 12	1 50
120	A Barnes, cash paid Fred Edwards for wood for No. 7	8 57
121	" " " " " 12	6 71
122	" " " " " 5	8 64
123	G W Taplin, 2 cords wood for No. 15	7 00
124	Mrs G W Taplin, cleaning school house No. 15	1 75
125	Birdella M Cloyes, assisting teacher in academy	16 00
126	John M Comstock, cash paid for school books	15 73
127	A S Camp, cleaning school house No. 11 and getting chairs from No. 7 to No. 11	2 00
128	Emma M Hood, cleaning school houses Nos. 5, 7, 8, 10 and 17	7 50
129	Mrs J H Griffin, transportation of children for spring term	25 00
130	Rae J D Ballou, care of school house No. 7	2 00
131	J O Bugbee, care of high school building spring term	4 50
132	Lena E Spaulding, teaching spring term intermediate department 10 weeks	87 50
133	John M Comstock, teaching spring term	234 38
134	J A R Corwin, chalk erasers and freight on same	3 65

133	Mrs Mark Riley, cleaning school house No. 6	1 50
136	Sylvester Bill, getting desks out to No. 11	1 50
137	E H Kennedy, desks for No. 11 and labor on same	12 41
138	C M Hull, labor putting desks in No. 11	1 00
138	Hermon Davis, care of school house No. 2	2 00
139	A G Smith, teach. sum. term 9 w. in No. 6 in. board	49 50
140	Annie B Camp, teach. sum. term 9 w. No. 11 in. board	54 00
141	Lillian M Wells, teach. sum. term 9 w. No. 2 in board	83 25
142	Etta W Spear, transportation of scholars from No. 3 summer term	8 75
143	Ada J. Sherburne, teach. sum. term 9 w. No. 17 in. board	63 00
144	Emma J Waterman, teach. sum. term 9 w. No. 8 in. board	49 50
145	Nellie D Barnes, teach. sum. term 9 w. No. 10 in. board	45 00
146	Birdella M Cloyes, teach. sum. term 9 w. No. 5 in. board	45 00
147	Martha L. George, teach. sum. term 9 w. No. 15 in. boord	49 50
148	Roy Sanborn, care of school house No. 17 sum. term	1 00
149	Clara J Laird, teach. sum. term 9 w. No. 12 in. board	49 50
150	Grace G Bacon, teach. sum. term 7 w. No. 7 in. board	35 00
151	J A R Corwin, check sent Clara J Peabody to pay for teach. sum. term 2 weeks No. 7	8 00
152	Mrs E A Noyee, boarding teacher 2 weeks	3 00
153	H F Mattoon, 2 solid cords wood for No. 6	7 00
154	Geo F D French, cleaning school house No. 2	12 30
155	" " repairs on school house No. 2	5 57
156	F R Laird, 2 cords green wood and ⅓ cord dry No. 10	9 66
157	E D Barnes, settee for school house No. 2	1 50
158	Fred W Smith, 3 M shingles No. 17	8 25
159	John M Comstock, amt. paid for school books and ex.	47 91
160	Fred W Lewis, labor shingling school house No. 17	4 00
161	C B Rich, glass and work for school house No. 8	1 75
162	Elra O Bicknell, care of academy 8 weeks fall term	4 00
163	Lillian E Batcheller, teaching 9 weeks fall term No. 7	36 00
164	E A George, boarding teacher 9 weeks in No. 7	18 00
165	Ada J Sherburne, teaching 9 weeks fall term No. 5	38 00
166	Emm A Wheeler, teach. 9 w. fall term No. 8 in. board	49 50
167	Annie B Camp, teach. 9 w. fall term No. 11 in. board	56 25
168	Nina M Vinosn, teach. 9 w. fall term No. 10	38 25
169	Lillian M Wells, teach. 12 w. fall term No. 2 in. board	111 00
170	Lena E Spaulding, teach. 12 w. fall term int. dept. in. board	105 00
171	Anne R Howe, teach. 10 w. fall term No. 17 in. board	70 00
172	John M Comstock, teach. 12 w. fall term academy	281 25
173	E A Corwin, amount paid Hale Mattoon care of school house No. 6	1 00

174	Mrs. C. W. Bixby, boarding teacher 9 weeks fall term No. 10	19 13
175	Birdella M Cloyes, teach. 10 w. fall term No. 6 in. board	55 00
176	Ethel George, care school house No. 10	1 00
177	Wesley M Davis, care of school house No. 2 part of fall term	2 00
178	Martha L. Noyes, teach. 9 w. fall term No. 15 in. board	49 50
179	C S Emery, insurance on school property	22 80
180	Ella R Bacon, transportation of scholars from No. 3 part of fall term	16 00
181	Ezra W Hood; transportation of scholars from No. 3 part of fall term	14 00
182	Fred W Smith, boarding teacher 9 w. fall term No. 5	20 25
183	A S Camp, cash paid for broom, stove-pipe, damper, etc., and work cleaning school house No. 11	1 62
184	Roy B Sanborn, care of school house No. 17 fall term	2 00
185	Don T McAllister, repairing school house No. 5	2 29
186	Fred Braman, repairing school house No. 15	5 00
187	Charles W Bixby, repairing school house No. 10	75
188	Fred Goodwin, repairing school house No. 17	50
189	Minnie Barnes, care school house No. 12 fall term	1 00
190	Norman Hunt, care school house No. 5	1 00
191	Everett Ballou, shingles and boards for school house No. 17	4 88
192	John M Comstock, school books and express on same	9 15
193	C A Bacon, labor repairing school house No. 17	4 00
194	J A R Corwin, check to Silver Burdett & Co. for writing books and express on same	6 50
195	Clara J Laird, teach. 10 w. fall term No. 12 in. board	55 00
196	Geo W Taplin, 1 cord wood No. 15	4 00
197	E Oscar Tracy, sundries furnished school houses	3 15
198	Minnie Barnes, care of school house No. 12 winter term	1 50
199	C E Godfrey, repairing furniture for school houses Nos. 2 and 17	75
200	J A R Corwin, check to pay for school books and express on same	21 25
201	C M Davis, labor on school houses	1 00
202	Geo M Medcalf, moving stove from No. 16 to No. 7	1 00
203	Lillian E Batcheller, teach. 10 w. winter term No. 7	42 50
204	Sarah Wills, boarding teacher in No. 7, 10 weeks	22 50
205	Charles L Hayford, care of school house N. 8	1 50
206	J A R Corwin, 5 doz. erasers	3 75
207	Ada J Sherburne, teach. 10 w. winter term in No. 5 in. board	67 00

208	Wesley H Bugbee, transportation of scholars	10 00
209	L H Bohonon, transportation of scholars from No. 3 winter term	22 50
210	Nina M Vinson, teach. 10 w. winter term No. 10	45 00
211	Geo B Roberts, 1 cord dry wood No. 2	4 00
212	Anne R Howe, teach. 9 w. winter term No. 17 in board	65 25
213	Martha L Noyes, teach. 10 w. winter term No. 15 in. board	62 50
214	Clara J Laird, teach. 9 w. winter term No. 12 in. board	54 00
215	Annie B Camp, teach. 10 w. winter term No. 11 in. board	62 50
216	Nellie D Barnes, teach. 10 w. winter term No. 8 in. board	62 50
217	John M Comstock, teach. 10 w. winter term academy	234 37
218	Lena E Spaulding, teach. 10 w. winter term intermediate department academy in. board	87 50
219	Lillian M Wells, teach. 10 w. winter term No. 2 in. board	92 50
220	Wesley Underhill, care of high school building winter term	8 00
221	Fred. W Smith, care of school house No. 5	2 00
222	J A R Corwin, sundries furnished school houses	7 63
223	Mrs C W Bixby, board. teacher 10 w. winter term No. 10	25 00
224	Ethel George, care of school house No. 10 winter term	1 50
225	H F Mattoon, transportation	3 50
226	J A R Corwin, amount paid for school books and ex. on same	2 00

Report of School Directors

We have maintained wholly or in part eleven legal schools the past year, and also nineteen weeks school in No. 6, which have incurred a total cost of $3305.59.

Following is a list in detail of our receipts and expenses:

Money Received for School Purposes.

Town school tax of 50 cents	$2122 02
Interest on U S deposit money	148 54
Huntington fund	46 87
Rent of school land	31 50
Grammar school fund	72 52
Five per cent. state school tax	441 33
Academy tuition	185 23
Of Washington half net cost of school No. 15	68 48
Tuition from other towns	25 75
For books sold	4 03
	$3146 27

Money Paid out for School Purposes.

No. 2.—Lillian M Wells, teach. 31 w. inc. board,	$286 75		
Wood,	42 44		
Care,	2 00		
Cleaning,	6 15		
Repairs,	5 57		$342 91
No. 5.—Birdella M Cloyes, teach. 9 w. inc. b'd,	$45 00		
Ada J Sherburne, teach. 19 w. inc. board for 10 w.	105 00		
Fred W Smith, boarding teach. 9 weeks,	20 25		
Wood,	8 64		
Care,	3 00		
Cleaning,	1 50		
Repairs,	2 29		$185 68

No. 6.—A G Smith, teach. 9 w. inc. board,	$49 50	
Birdella M Cloyes, teach. 10 w. inc. b'd,	55 00	
Wood,	7 00	
Care,	4 00	
Cleaning,	1 50	—$117 00
No. 7.—Clara J Peabody, teaching 2 weeks,	$8 00	
Grace G Bacon, teach. 7 w. inc. board,	35 00	
Lillian E Batcheller, teach. 19 weeks,	78 50	
Mrs E A George, boarding teach. 11 w.	21 00	
Sarah Wells, do 10 w.	22 50	
Wood,	9 57	
Care,	2 00	
Cleaning,	1 50	—$178 07
No. 8.—Emma J Waterman, teach. 9 w. inc. b'd,	$49 50	
Emma J Wheeler, do 9 do.	49 50	
Nellie D Barnes, 10 do.	62 50	
Wood,	7 00	
Care and cleaning,	6 00	
Repairs,	1 75	—$176 25
No. 10.—Nellie D Barnes, teach. 9 w. inc. board,	$45 00	
Nina M Vinson, teaching 19 weeks,	83 25	
Mrs C W Bixby, boarding teach. 19 w.	44 13	
Wood,	9 66	
Care and cleaning,	4 00	
Repairs,	75	—$186 79
No. 11.—Annie B Camp, teach. 28 w. inc. board,	$172 75	
Wood,	7 00	
Care and cleaning,	5 50	
Repairs,	16 41	—$201 66
No. 12.—Clara J Laird, teach. 28 w. inc. board,	$158 50	
Wood,	6 71	
Care and cleaning,	4 00	—$169 21
No. 15.—Martha L Noyes, teach. 28 w. inc. board,	$161 50	
Wood,	11 00	
Care and cleaning,	4 75	
Repairs,	5 00	—$182 25
No. 17.—Ada J. Sherburne, teach. 9 w. inc. board,	$63 00	
Anna R Howe, do 19 do	135 25	
Wood,	8 31	
Care and cleaning,	4 50	
Repairs,	21 63	—$232 69

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Chelsea Academy and High School.		
J M Comstock, teaching 32 weeks,	$750 00	
Lena E Spalding, teach. 32 w. inc. b'd,	280 00	
Birdella M Cloyes, assisting teacher,	16 00	
Care and cleaning, ...	24 65	$1070 65
Miscellaneous.—H J Payne, transportation,	$6 00	
J F Hemenway, do Payne chil.,	5 60	
J F Griffin, trans. sch. from No. 3,	25 00	
Etta W Spear, do do	8 75	
Ella R Bacon, do do	16 00	
Ezra W Hood, do do	14 00	
L H Bohonon, do do	22 50	
W H Bugbee, transportation,	10 00	
H F Mattoon, do	3 50	
Insurance, ...	22 80	
Chalk and erasers, ...	7 40	
Incidentals, ...	18 34	
School books, ...	102 54	
		$262 43
Total cost of schools including books,		$3305 59

ERNEST A. CORWIN,
EZRA W. HOOD,
A. BARNES,
} School Directors.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 11th, 1898.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF CHELSEA:

Agreeably to section 674 of the Vermont Statutes, we recommend that the town appropriate 55 cents on a dollar of the grand list, for the maintenance of schools the next year, and also recommend that the town appropriate an additional sum to apply on the school indebtedness of the town.

ERNEST A. CORWIN,
E. W. HOOD,
} School Directors.

Outstanding Orders

With Interest to February 12, 1898.

1893		No.			
June	5	48	Clara J Laird	$250 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	46 89	$296 89
1894					
May	28	186	W H Button	625 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	92 71	717 71
June	6	198	Clara J Laird	100 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	14 70	114 70
	9	199	Jane Laird	200 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	28 40	228 40
July	5	208	Katie E Laird	300 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	43 23	343 23
Sept.	1	246	Ellen K Taplin	100 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	8 00	108 00
	18	263	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	8 00	508 00
	18	264	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	8 00	508 00
	18	265	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	8 00	508 00
	18	266	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	8 00	508 00
	18	267	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	8 00	508 00
Oct.	8	356	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	6 88	506 88
1895					
Feb.	6	357	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	25	500 25
	6	358	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	25	500 25
	6	358	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest 4 per ct	25	500 25
1893					
Jan.	13	49	School District No. 2, order,	555 90	
			Interest 5 per ct	2 78	558 68
	14	50	School District No. 2, order,	500 00	
			Interest 5 per ct	2 50	502 50

1895				
Mar. 26	21	Laura R Fuller	300 00	
		Interest 4 per ct	24 00	324 00
May 7		W H Button	100 00	
		Interest 4 per ct	11 07	111 07
1896				
April 25	37	Laura R Fuller	50 00	
		Interest 4 per ct	3 60	53 60
May 16	39	Edna N Flanders	70 00	
		Interest 4 per ct	4 86	74 86
Aug. 20	67	W H Button	50 00	
		Interest 4 per ct	3 63	53 63
Sept. 8	74	Geo J Helmer	1500 00	
		Interest 5 per ct	108 75	1608 75
22	85	Frank W Button	100 00	
		Interest 4 per ct	5 54	105 54
1897				
Jan. 25	132	Martha J Landon	140 00	
		Interest 4 per ct	5 98	145 98
Feb. 3	142	Highland Cemetery	862 83	
		Interest 4 per ct	35 37	898 20
April 29	28	Clara J Laird	215 00	
		Interest 4 per ct	6 73	221 73
May 1	30.	Norman W Hunt	25 00	
		Interest 4 per ct	78	25 78
22	39	Laura R Fuller	60 00	
		Interest 4 per ct	1 44	61 44
July 6	56	Hyde Cabot		52 00
		Without interest.		
				$11154 32

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

1898				
Feb. 4	167	T Sullivan	$10 40	
7	173	N S Bixby	6 75	
8	177	C A Densmore	2 15	
9	180	Geo W Hersey	16 00	
1894				
Oct. 4	275	A F Tracy	5 00	
Feb. 12	181	H S Fitts	159 85—	$200 15

OVERSEERS' ORDERS.

1897				
Aug. 19	107	Henry Clarke	$2 50	
Nov. 9	120	R W Allen	20 50	

Dec.	2	128	W P Townsend, Treas	16 32	
	16	130	Mrs Scott George	3 00	
	25	131	S T Farrington	20 00	
1898					
Jan.	15	132	Bixby & Perkins	3 55	
	22	133	Mrs Scott George	1 00	
	24	134	C O Slack	6 55	
	25	135	E D Barnes	6 00	
	28	136	C P Dickinson	8 49	
	29	137	F E Allen	2 70	
	29	138	J D Ballou	52 00	
Feb.	3	139	E O Tracy	25 33	
	3	140	A R Hood & Son	30 33	
	3	141	J A R Corwin	76 53	
	3	142	F H Godfrey	23 75	
	3	143	S T Farrington	25 00	
	3	145	C E Godfrey	3 27	
	3	146	A H Powers	72 61	
	4	147	W H Hill	10 90	
	4	148	Timothy Sullivan	7 95	
	4	149	W S Hatch	26 54	
	5	150	Ira Thompson	25 00	
	5	151	C P Dickinson	123 40	
	5	152	do	29 18	
	5	153	Selectmen	12 04	
	7	155	C O Slack	4 95	
	7	155	G L Hayward	10 50	
	7	156	F I Whitney	2 25	
	7	157	C P Dickinson	20 45—	672 59

School Directors' Orders.

1897					
Feb.	8	92	J M Comstock, (int. added)	$235 57	
Dec.	11	189	Minnie Barnes	1 00	
	14	190	Norman W Hunt	1 00	
	27	192	John M Comstock	9 15	
1898					
Jan.	1	193	C A Bacon	4 00	
	6	194	J A R Corwin	6 50	
	8	195	Clara J Laird	55 00	
	19	196	G W Taplin	4 00	
Feb.	1	197	E O Tracy	3 15	
	3	198	Minnie Barnes	1 50	
	3	199	Charles E Godfrey	75	

Feb.	3	200	J A R Corwin	21 25	
	4	201	C M Davis	1 00	
	4	202	Geo M Medcalf	1 00	
	4	203	Lillian E Batchellor	42 50	
	4	204	Sarah Wills	22 50	
	5	205	C L Hayward	1 50	
	5	206	J A R Corwin	3 75	
	5	207	Ada J Sherburne	67 00	
	5	208	W H Bugbee	10 00	
	5	209	L H Bohonon	22 50	
	5	210	Nina M Vinson	45 00	
	5	211	Geo B Roberts	4 00	
	5	212	Anne R Howe	65 25	
	5	213	Martha L Noyes	62 50	
	5	214	Clara J Laird	54 00	
	5	215	Annie B Camp	62 50	
	7	216	Nellie D Barnes	62 50	
	7	217	John M Comstock	234 37	
	7	218	Lena E Spaulding	87 50	
	7	219	Lillian M Wells	92 50	
	7	220	Wesley Underhill	8 00	
	7	221	Fred W Smith	2 00	
	7	222	J A R Corwin	7 63	
	7	223	Mrs C W Bixby	25 00	
	7	224	Ethel George	1 50	
	7	225	H F Mattoon	3 50	
	8	226	J A R Corwin	2 00—	1334 37

Road Commissioner's Orders.

1897				
Nov.	29	19	Horace Moxley	$50 00
Dec.	2	26	W H Luce	5 25
	6	32	E G Brown	12 00
	14	35	C W Bixby	6 40
	14	36	Milo M Sanborn	2 40
	14	37	Selectmen	24 00
	15	38	C O Slack	7 50
	15	39	W A Reed	5 20
	17	40	E A George	5 75
	18	41	W M Mattoon	7 35
	20	44	P J Little	5 58
	26	45	E N Bacon	2 65
	31	41	David Dickerman	11 14

1898					
Jan.	1	48	Horace Moxley	35 00	
	3	49	R W Laird	7 20	
	4	50	J D Ballou	6 75	
	4	52	W F Dewey	18 55	
	4	53	C W Goodwin	6 36	
Feb.	1	54	J A Tracy	2 28	
Jan.	7	55	Warren Stearns	4 50	
	10	56	F E Bixby	3 25	
	10	56	J O Perkins	80	
	10	57	Mrs Frank Hackett	4 20	
	13	58	J M Grant	16 00	
	13	59	J M Grant, agt	23 21	
	13	60	F C Waldo	1 50	
	16	61	C C Scales	17 10	
	25	62	W L Carpenter	2 00	
	25	63	A Barnes	2 37	
	25	64	E E Densmore	1 00	
	29	65	P L Sargent	2 50	
	29	66	N G Moore	1 60	
	29	67	T Sullivan	9 60	
	29	68	C C Scales	5 60	
	29	70	A W Whitney	9 60	
	29	72	W E Bacon	4 80	
	29	73	W E Bacon, agt	32 10	
	31	75	A E Bacon	3 25	
	31	76	G W Taplin	1 80	
	31	77	L N Lucas	8 15	
	31	78	Horace Moxley	30 90	
	31	80	G B Colby	10 20	
Feb.	2	81	E O Tracy	6 90	
	24	82	C P Dickinson, overseer	7 98—	432 27
			Total outstanding orders		$13793 70

Bills of Town Officers Approved by Auditors

W P Townsend, clerk	$20 55
do treasurer	10 00
C P Dickinson, selectman	50 00
H S Fitts, selectman	7 00
J M Flint, selectman	3 00
C P Dickinson, overseer	50 00
Alvah Carpenter, lister	25 90
A L Sprague, lister	21 75
B H Adams, lister	19 25
E A Corwin, school director	10 00
Mrs W E Allen, school supt.	40 00
C S Emery, town agent	5 00
W S Hatch, auditor	5 00
J A R Corwin, auditor	5 00
C S Emery, auditor	5 00
S N Goss, health officer	6 00
	$283 45

Report of Town Treasurer

Would respectfully report that since the last annual meeting there has been paid by the Treasurer 454 orders drawn by the Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, School Directors, Road Commissioner, Justice of the Peace and Town Clerk.

Paid 224 selectmen and overseers' orders	$7686 96
123 road commissioner's orders	1384 48
99 school directors' orders	2694 83
3 justice of the peace orders	10 82
5 town clerk's orders	7 80
Allowed to taxpayers 4 per ct. on the amount paid to the treasurer before the expiration of 90 days	314 69
Allowed treas. 1 per ct. for collecting same	75 52
do for issuing 109 warrants, 5c. each	5 45
Am't due on collector's receipt for 1893	1 31
do do do 1894	7 78
do do do 1895	27 81
do do do 1896	31 84
do do do 1897	490 09
do school account, Feb. 9, 1897	740 68
do highway do do	1101 67
Balance in treasurer's hands at this date	365 41
	$14947 14

Contra, Credit.

Amount in treasury on town acc't, Feb. 9, '97,	$2227	17
State auditor, for fox bounties	12	00
Clara J Laird, money borrowed at 4 per ct	215	00
C M Hunt, do do	100	00
Norman W Hunt, do do	25	00
Laura W Fuller, do do	60	00
Hyde Cabot, do	52	00
Town clerk, dog licenses, less fees	86	00
Due on tax receipt, 1893	3	81
do do 1894	7	78
do do 1895	108	56
do do 1896	262	14
Town tax of 120 cents on the dollar	5090	49
Eunice A Noyes, town agent, sale of liquor	993	66
C S Emery, justice of the peace, fees and costs in suit, State v. Albert Hoyt and Ellis Bohonon	20	82
Overseer of poor, produce sold from town farm,	544	53
Selectmen, rent of town hall	107	60
do parsonage right	54	04
O M Rice, for timber		25
C O Slack, for grass	1	50
C M Davis, for plank		50
John Osborne, for Avery land	25	00
Mrs Julia Tyler, for lot in West Hill Cemetery,	5	00
W H Emery, for 85 feet plank		85
Geo F Folsom, for 21 lbs. chain		84
Selectmen, balance due town from Grow fund,		50
State treas., for 81 miles of total mileage of state,	481	44
Highway tax of 30 cents on the dollar	1273	39
Town of Randolph, tuition	7	00
do Brookfield, do	6	00
B B Sherman, for school books sold	2	54
State treasurer, Huntington fund	46	87
Town of Washington, tuition for 1895	32	75

J M Comstock, tuition from Chelsea Academy,	185 23
State treasurer, for 12 legal schools	441 33
Treas. Chelsea Academy, Gram. School money,	72 52
School tax of 50 cents on the dollar	2122 02
Town of Tunbridge, tuition	11 75
Mrs W E Allen, for school books sold	1 49
Town of Washington, for half of expense of school in Braman district	68 48
Overseer of poor, interest on surplus money	88 32
Selectmen, do do	60 22
Town of Randolph, tuition	7 00
Selectmen, school right	26 75
Town of Brookfield, tuition	7 00
	$14947 14

W. P. TOWNSEND, Treasurer.

Resources and Liabilities of the Town, Feb. 12, '98.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders and interest	$13,793 70	
Bills approved by auditors	283 45	
Balance due S T Farrington and wife, service on town farm	50 00	
		$14,127 15

RESOURCES.

Value of liquor on hand	$361 12	
Rent due on lease land	60 06	
Due on tax receipt	358 83	
Due on Whitney & Ackerman note,	31 00	
Cash in treasurer's hands	365 41	
		1,376 42
Excess of liabilities		$12,750 73

Auditors' Report

The undersigned auditors have examined the accounts of the selectmen, overseer of the poor, school directors, road commissioner, town clerk and treasurer, and liquor agent, and find proper vouchers for all money paid out.

On examination of the treasurer's accounts we find as follows:

In the hands of the treasurer of the general fund,		$1344 97
Due the treasurer on highway account,	$731 32	
do do school do	248 24	
		$979 56
Leaving in the hands of the treasurer,		$365 41

We also find in the hands of the treasurer on account of the cemetery fund $886 11

WILLARD S. HATCH,
J. A. R. CORWIN,
C. S. EMERY,
} Auditors.

To the Taxpayers of Chelsea

I again have the satisfaction of being able to report that there is no litigation pending in which the town is a party.

C. S. EMERY, Town Agent.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 12, 1898.

Abatement of Taxes

Ellen K Taplin,	on list	1897	$2 05
W L Sargent,	do	1897	4 05
J F Tucker	do	1895	3 45
O W Lefebrau,	do	1895	4 13
Herbert Martin,	do	1896	3 45
			$17 13

REPORT

OF

Town Superintendent of Schools.

It becomes my duty as Superintendent to report the work of the school year.

I trust you will also consider a few recommendations for their greater efficiency in the future.

In entering upon my work I feel I may have erred in placing the standard too high, and in expecting as great proficiency in the work of the district school as is attained in the higher schools where the work can be carefully graded, and where both teacher and pupil have the advantage of better appliances, and the stimulating influence of of a cheerful, well-lighted, and properly ventilated schoolroom.

Taking these things into consideration, I feel that conscientious work has been done by the teachers in nearly every instance, and that the town has received a full equivalent for the money which it has expended.

Twelve schools have been maintained during the year, with the exception of District No. 6, which had no winter term.

Fifteen teachers have been employed.

Six schools have been taught continuously by one teacher. The others, with one exception, have retained the same teacher for the last two terms of the year.

I would earnestly recommend to the consideration of taxpayers the importance of making provision whereby the four schools of the village can be so united that the work can be more effectually graded.

While I am fully convinced that a new academy building is necessary to secure the best results, still if an additional room could be provided so that each teacher could be free to do purely Primary, Intermediate, Grammar, and Academic work, according to their grade, the efficiency of the school would be greatly enhanced, with no addition of salary above the present unsatisfactory arrangement. Also recognizing as a fact that if one is to succeed in the fierce competition of the present, he must go forth equipped with far more than the mere rudiments of an education, and that the majority of the children receive their only educational advantages in the schools of the town, and THAT before they are sixteen years of age, all will realize the importance of so increasing the appropriation that the directors may be enabled to extend the school year at least six weeks, and still employ teachers who are fully fitted for their work.

I am pleased to note the increased interest in the study of Physiology as prescribed by law, and trust that the parents and teachers will continue to encourage the children to secure that knowledge which wfll enable them to develop a strong physique, and at the same time fortify them against the evils which are destroying the brightest and best of our youth.

MRS. W. E. ALLEN, Supt.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 9, 1898.

Births

1897.		Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
Jan.	13.	Daniel Atwood Bryant.	Harry F. & Mary E.
	23.	Carrie Hope Canfield.	Burton C. & Eva M.
Feb.	6.	. . . Goss.	Willie C. & Alice M.
	22.	. . . Doyle.	Chas. F. & Hattie.
May	4.	Lena Flora Cady.	Will M. & Sarah S.
	10.	Ralph Herbert Kennedy.	Eugene H. & Ella M.
	15.	. . . Burgess.	Elisha & Nellie A.
	25.	Dolcie May Slack.	Carlton & Ernie.
	21.	. . . Bugbee.	James H. & Angie M.
June	22.	. . . Carpenter.	Walter L. & Alta E.
	26.	Gerald Adams Bixby.	Frank E. & Julia A.
	29.	Marion Elsie Beckwith.	Carl M. & Myra Belle.
July	11.	. . . Birchmore.	Robt. H. & Laura M.
	17.	George Herbert Titus.	Will H. & Hattie E.
Aug.	1.	Dorothy Comstock.	John M. & Persis S.
	12.	. . . McConnell.	Joseph & Maggie.
	26.	. . . Brown.	Calvin M. & Anna L.
	28.	. . . Smith.	William H. & Nellie E
Sept.	30.	. . . Dickinson.	Charles P. & May L.
Oct.	15.	. . . Osgood.	Harley R. & Mary B.
	10.	Anne Darling.	Hale K. & Maybell M.
	17.	. . . Waldo.	Fred C. & Celestia W.
	24.	. . . Harwood.	Everett L. & Alice L.
Nov.	3.	Eugene Davis Hook.	W. D. & Emogene L.
	1.	Doris Elizabeth Emery.	Curtis S. & Hattie.
Dec.	3.	. . . Camp.	Albert S. & Lilla B.
	30.	. . . Bowen.	G. Clinton & Ethel B.

Marriages

1897.

Jan. 1. Charles J. Hopkins, of Chelsea, to Weltha R. R. Pacor, of Whitefield.

Feb. 25. Mahlon H. Young, of Chelsea, to Anna Ball, of Corinth.

May 18. Julian H. Griffin, of Chelsea, to Margaret Downs, of Hancock.

July 11. Charles A. Bacon, of Chelsea, to Nettie E. Wells, of Chelsea.

" 18. Frederick C. Sleeper, of Chelsea, to Lucia E. Durkee, of Tunbridge.

Sept. 2. George J. Helmer, of New York City, to Gail C. Hood, of Chelsea.

" 9. Delmar A. Beckwith, of Chelsea, to Anna Hackett, of Bradford.

Oct. 10. Herbert J. Kingsbury, of Chelsea, to Eva M. Thompson, of Chelsea.

Deaths

1897.		Name.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan.	3.	Mary Sophia Davenport.	76	2	17
	13.	Luna C. (Hemenway) Colby.	45	11	13
	13.	Daniel Atwood Bryant.			
	18.	Edgar L. Sleeper.	17	5	
	19.	. . . Morey.		2	11
Feb.	21.	Mary J. (Tracy) McGaw.	71	1	
May	13.	Amelia Ann Wallace.	56	2	10
	17.	Annaretta Corliss.	94		
June	3.	Emily Ann (Hovey) Emery.	79	3	21
	12.	Abigail E. Baker.	83	9	26
July	6.	Christiana Bill.	62		
	12.	Frank M. Hackett.	41	6	3
	17.	Margaret (Scribner) Willis.	65	4	12
Aug.	14.	Francis A. Tyler.	62		
	21.	Julian H. Griffin.	25		26
Sept.	15.	Sarah A. Hall.	67	6	15
Oct.	1.	. . . Dickinson.			1
	25.	Philip M. Hunt.	79		
	26.	Ralph Herbert Kennedy.		5	16
	31.	James E. Morris.	79	5	12
Nov.	5.	Lousanna (Paine) Goodrich.	55	8	11
Dec.	3.	. . . Camp.			
	9.	Caroline M. Hyde.	76	7	27
	16.	Harvey Roberts.	89	9	19
	27.	Hattie O. Flanders.	32		

THE ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

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OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF CHELSEA,

For the Year ending February 20, 1899.

ALSO, A LIST OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BARRE, VT.:
NED J. ROBERTS, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1899.

TOWN MEETING WARNING.

The legal voters of the town of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, in Chelsea, on TUESDAY, the 7th day of March, A.D. 1899, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to act upon the following articles, viz :

1. To choose a moderator.

2. To choose a town clerk.

3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several town officers.

4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5. To raise money to pay the indebtedness of the town and to defray the expenses for the ensuing year.

6. To see if the town will vote to put its tax bills into the town treasurer's hands for collection, in accordance with the law relating thereto.

7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the support of the public library.

8. To see if the town will vote a sum of money to pay the school indebtedness of the town.

9. To transact any other proper business.

C. P. DICKINSON,
C. W. GOODWIN,
J. M. FLINT,
} Selectmen of Chelsea.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 18, 1599.

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Town Officers for the Year 1898–99.

Moderator,	C. S. EMERY
Clerk,	W. P. TOWNSEND
Selectmen,	C. P. DICKINSON C. W. GOODWIN J. M. FLINT
Treasurer,	W. P. TOWNSEND
Overseer of Poor,	C. P. DICKINSON
First Constable,	ALONZO NOYES
Second Constable,	CHARLES GODFREY
Road Commissioner,	HORACE MOXLEY
Collector of Taxes,	CHARLES E. GODFREY
Listers,	ALVAH CARPENTER A. L. SPRAGUE B. H. ADAMS, Jr.
Auditors,	W. S. HATCH C. S. EMERY J. A. R. CORWIN
Trustee Public Money,	W. P. TOWNSEND
School Directors,	3 years, PHILIP J. LITTLE 2 years, AZARIAH BARNES 1 year, E. A. CORWIN
Town Superintendent,	Mrs. W. E. ALLEN
Clerk,	J. M. COMSTOCK
Trustees Public Library,	5 years, J. M. COMSTOCK 4 years, M. H. CORWIN 3 years, G. L. STOW 2 years, J. B. BACON 1 year, H. L. BIXBY
Town Grand Jurors,	H. K. DARLING G. L. STOW G. L. HAYWARD
Fence Viewers,	SELECTMEN
Pound Keeper,	WILLIS SCALES
Inspector of Leather,	IRA THOMPSON
Inspector of Lumber and Shingles,	FRANK T. BECKWITH
Town Agent,	C. S. EMERY

Road Commissioner's Report.

BREAKING ROADS.

1	C L Buzzell,	$21 00
2	E G Reed,	6 50
3	Carlton Slack,	9 25
4	F H Folsom,	19 72
5	A F Whitney,	7 44
6	G H Kent,	2 50
7	G W Hersey,	7 00
8	S L Rich,	11 60
9	E Burgess,	2 52
10	J C Davis,	3 60
12	E J Flanders,	4 44
13	A G Bradshaw,	4 44
15	W A Reed,	6 50
16	G W Taplin,	20 71
17	Peter Pairzo,	4 50
18	Horace Moxley,	21 50
19	W F Dewey, acc't of A H Denison,	5 00
20	W F Dewey,	21 90
21	C O Slack,	1 50
23	C M Hunt,	3 00
24	A E Bacon,	11 27
25	J M Grant,	20 40
26	A H Denison,	9 00
29	Henry Clark,	4 50
30	Joseph McConnell,	4 69

34	L A Burbank,	$7 00
35	G B Roberts,	6 00
36	R A Lyon,	4 60
40	G B Colby,	9 50
41	G Folsom,	11 00
42	Lydia Conant,	2 64
43	David Dickerman,	20 28
45	C L Hayward,	1 75
46	C E F Baker,	1 25
49	C S Burroughs,	2 00
52	C M Beckwith,	5 06
55	W H Beckwith,	9 00
56	E G Thorn,	3 60
58	Sarah E Wills,	1 53
59	J G Hayward,	4 25
60	R Kennedy,	6 72
62	M O Gates,	5 75
67	A Barnes,	5 36
72	H B Lyford,	6 36
75	H S Fitts,	9 65
77	A Robinson,	4 15
81	J A Tracy,	8 17
82	C M Blaisdell,	6 00
89	E E Stone,	5 25
90	R W Laird,	2 76
92	W L Carpenter,	10 50
93	F H Bohonon,	1 50
97	A L Sprague,	12 77
99	J F Hemmenway,	3 62
104	J D Ballou,	8 25
106	G W Cleveland,	2 25
114	F C Waldo,	8 00
118	H F Mattoon,	5 00
124	W H Bugbee,	5 00
127	George Dickerman,	7 18
129	Wm Mattoon,	5 30

131	C A Luce,	$5 00
135	W E Bacon,	17 25
138	F Edwards,	2 87
140	C W Goodwin,	7 20
141	D W Parker,	1 24
142	J M Flint,	5 00
144	O Bixby,	2 50
147	Calvin Goodwin,	1 00
148	C C Scales,	6 12
		$501 66

STATE TAX.

1	H Moxley, tile, dynamite and freight,	$9 00
1	H Moxley, blasting,	25 00
2	W H Luce, labor,	5 00
	W H Luce, labor,	3 00
	G F Folsom, labor with team,	30 00
	W H Luce, labor,	12 00
	G Fuller, labor,	14 00
	G F Folsom, labor with team	33 00
	A Hood, labor,	8 40
	W H Luce, labor,	14 25
	W C. Goss, labor,	1 25
	Frank Larkin, labor with team,	12 00
	A Hood, labor,	32 00
	A I Dexter, labor with team,	27 00
	E G Brown, labor with team,	31 50
	G F Fuller, labor,	4 00
	C W Bixby, labor,	6 00
	Fred Hall, labor,	1 20
	W H Bugbee, labor with team,	28 50
	Horace Moxley, labor with teams,	100 00
	G T Densmore, labor,	4 50
	John McCollom, labor,	5 00
	W E Bacon, labor,	29 04

	Nathan Noyes, gravel,	$5 00
	N G Moore, timber for sluice,	4 00
102	C D Smith, labor,	1 25
	Horace Moxley, labor,	34 51
		$480 40

TOWN HIGHWAY TAX.

11	E J Flanders, labor in 1897,	$7 25
14	W C Goss, labor,	2 00
22	J McConnell, labor,	2 25
27	W H Luce, labor,	5 00
31	A Hood, labor,	10 00
32	Horace Moxley, labor with team,	20 00
33	W H Luce, labor,	9 00
37	R A Lyon, labor,	4 50
38	W H Luce, labor,	10 00
39	Wm Cady, labor,	5 00
44	W H Titus, labor,	2 40
47	W H Luce, labor,	10 00
48	A Hood, labor,	26 00
51	Horace Moxley, tile and freight,	16 50
53	Charles Dow, labor,	4 50
54	Horace Moxley, labor with team,	50 00
57	Horace Moxley, labor with team,	50 00
61	W H Luce, labor,	14 00
63	C M Hunt, labor,	2 25
64	A Hood, labor,	19 50
65	W H Luce, labor,	15 00
66	W C Goss, labor,	3 00
68	W A Reed, labor,	12 00
69	A Hood, labor,	10 75
70	W H Luce, labor,	10 50
71	Loren Goodrich, labor,	7 50
73	Horace Moxley, labor with team,	75 00

74	C W Bixby, labor,	$11 00
76	Milo Sanborn, labor,	30 00
78	W H Hill, repairs on tools,	7 40
79	Horace Moxley, labor with team,	30 00
80	W H Luce, labor,	6 00
83	W H Luce, labor,	10 00
84	L M Towner, labor,	12 75
85	W H Luce, labor,	13 00
86	A Hood, labor,	11 12
87	A Hood, labor,	18 87
88	J McConnell, labor,	3 25
91	R W Laird, labor,	4 80
94	Horace Moxley, labor with team,	25 00
95	R A Lyon, labor,	3 75
96	P L Sargent, labor,	7 00
98	A M Burnham, labor,	1 50
100	Carl Moxley, labor,	28 95
101	Horace Moxley, labor with team,	25 00
103	W H Luce, labor,	9 00
105	G S Adams, labor and timber for sluice,	4 00
107	L M Towner, labor,	4 20
108	M O Coburn, labor,	3 00
109	A N George, labor,	1 65
110	G W Taplin, labor,	1 20
111	G M Young, labor with team,	4 50
112	G C Bowen, labor with team,	6 45
113	A E Bacon, labor,	1 05
115	F C Waldo, labor and timber for sluice,	3 00
116	W H Luce, labor,	12 75
117	C M Hall, labor,	2 85
119	H F Mattoon, labor,	3 00
120	E G Brown, labor with team & tim. for sluices,	16 00
121	E B Dickinson, labor,	1 50
122	Homer Alger, labor,	2 70
123	Horace Moxley, money paid out,	5 65
125	Frank Gilman, care of road,	12 80

126	W Morse, labor,	$3 48
128	W F Dewey, labor,	8 62
130	W H Luce, labor,	3 45
132	John McCollom, labor,	6 45
133	G B Roberts, labor,	2 12
134	C E F Baker, labor,	1 25
136	W E Bacon, labor,	16 30
137	David Dickerman, labor with team,	6 75
139	M O Coburn, labor,	1 05
143	E O Tracy, repairs for plough,	1 25
145	W C Goodwin, labor,	1 50
146	Milo Sanborn, labor,	3 25
149	M O Gates, labor and timber for sluice,	4 85
150	W H Hill, repairs on tools,	1 35
161	R Kennedy,	5 00
	Horace Moxley, labor,	47 11
		$862 37

Total expense of highways,	$1844 43
Expense of bridges,	204 30
Expense of sidewalks,	17 35
Total ex. high'ys, bridges & sidew'ks,	$2066 08

Cemetery Report

HIGHLAND CEMETEY.

Amount of fund, Feb. 11, 1898,		$886 11	
Interest due Feb. 11, 1899,		34 51	
			$920 62
Cash from W F Davis,	lot 147	$12 00	
Henry Mosher,	" 217	12 00	
Eli Sanborn,	" 326	7 00	
F C Waldo,	" 293	12 00	
Geo. Goodrich,	" F	12 00	
			$55 00
Due for lots sold and unpaid :			
Geo B Langmaid, ¼ lot,		$3 50	
Henry Clark,		12 00	
Leroy Sleeper,		12 00	
E L Harwood,		12 00	
E H Kennedy,		12 00	
Leroy Goodell,		12 00	
			$63 50
			$1039 12
Paid Geo. Fuller, labor,		$12 15	
W A Hood, labor with team,		75	
Henry Gilbert, labor,		2 95	
Carlton Slack, labor,		5 00	
F J Folsom, labor,		5 00	
W A Densmore, labor with team,		8 55	
Geo D Hayward, labor with team,		1 00	
C P Dickinson, material,		2 98	
			$38 38
			$1000 74

Cemetery near West Hill Meeting House.

Rec'd from W D Hook,	$5 00	
Due from John Edwards,	5 00	
Geo Colby,	5 00	
		$15 00
Paid C W Goodwin, labor, material and money paid out,		$19 39

Fund.

Money left by Mrs. Sarah Grow, the income to be used to keep her lot in repair in Highland Cemetery, and two other lots in the old cemetery, as per her will recorded in the town clerk's office, May 20, 1889.

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Received income on fund,	$4 00	
Cash on hand,	50	
		$4 50

DR.

Paid N S Bixby, work on lots,	$3 00	
Cash in selectmen's hands,	1 50	
		$4 50

Report of Town Hall

Received for rent,	$88 00	
Wood and coal on hand,	30 00	
		$118 00
Paid Geo E Hatch, care of hall,	$48 00	
for wood and coal,	43 19	
for repairs and supplies,	10 00	
		101 19
		$16 81

Division of Parsonage Money

Paid Methodist Society,	$19 50
Methodist Society, West Hill,	19 50
Congregational Society,	19 50
	$58 50

Town Clerk's Report

Dog Licenses, 1898.

85 dogs licensed, at $1,	$85 00	
1 " " 2,	2 00	
7 " " 4,	28 00	
		$115 00
Fees retained on 93 licenses issued,		9 30
Cash paid into town treasury,		$105 70

W. P. Townsend, Town Clerk.

Liquor Agency

Liquor on hand, Feb. 1, 1899,	$115 64	
Cash received for sale of liquor,	1133 75	
		$1249 39
Liquor on hand, Feb. 1, 1898,	$361 12	
Paid for liquors including f'gt & exp.,	660 50	
Insurance on liquor,	5 00	
U S license,	25 00	
Agent's salary,	100 00	
		1151 62
Net profit,		$97 77

WILLARD S. HATCH,
C. S. EMERY,
J. A. R. CORWIN, } Auditors.

Report of Town Farm

S. T. FARRINGTON, Superintendent.

C O Slack, feed,	$97 90
A F Whitney, two sap holders,	1 80
C P Dickinson, two cows and calf,	75 00
H O Bixby, C. Herald and B. Journal,	3 00
Will. Cady, one cow,	30 00
E L Larkin, filling silo and plant. corn,	17 50
A H Powers, feed,	88 01
Geo Goodrich, seventeen pigs,	28 00
Orcutt Bixby, one cow,	37 00
C F Baker, labor,	4 00
F E Allen, work and goods,	2 30

Fred Folsom, labor with team,	$7 50	
C P Dickinson, phosphate,	51 25	
P W Rogers, labor,	3 25	
G L Hayward, threshing,	4 50	
Henry Magoon, labor,	1 00	
Scott George, labor,	2 50	
W P Townsend, tax,	11 52	
F J Austin, labor,	1 35	
E A George, beef,	7 63	
E H Kennedy, making order,	1 18	
Townsend & Whitney, express wagon,	20 00	
A R Hood & Son, goods,	34 25	
E O Tracy, goods,	39 06	
Willis Scales, goods,	10 25	
Selectmen, parsonage right,	12 04	
Mrs. Sarah George, labor,	1 00	
L S Allen, labor,	2 00	
A F Morey, butchering, and use of bull,	5 50	
J A R Corwin, goods,	129 22	
Timothy Sullivan, labor,	1 05	
W H Hill, labor,	8 25	
Eunice Noyes, liquor,	13 43	
F E Bixby, goods,	29 87	
C P Dickinson, goods,	144 08	
W S Hatch, box rent,	40	
W S Hatch, goods,	24 90	
S T Farrington, salary,	225 00	
		$1176 49

Appraisal of Stock, Tools, Provisions, etc., February 1, 1899.

1 calf,	$8 00
11 cows,	325 00
1 nine yrs. old mare,	65 00
1 eight yrs. old mare,	75 00
9 hogs,	35 00
30 hens,	9 00
17 tons hay,	119 00
75 bu. corn,	18 75
90 bu. potatoes,	27 00
4 bu. beans,	5 00
¼ bu. peas,	25
150 lbs. salt pork,	15 00
180 lbs. fresh meat,	10 80
50 lbs. lard,	5 00
5 lbs. butter,	1 00
2 bbls. vinegar,	8 00
pickles,	1 50
3 gals. boiled cider,	1 50
4 lbs. tea,	1 60
3 lbs. coffee,	60
1 two-horse wagon,	20 00
1 two-horse sled,	30 00
neck yoke, sp'd ch,	2 00
2 drag rakes,	1 00
2 potato diggers,	50
1 hay knife,	1 00
4 manure forks,	75
6 hoes,	1 00
426 tin sap buckets,	42 60
feed in silo,	75 00
300 lbs. bran,	2 70
220 lbs. maple sugar,	10 80
3 sap pans,	3 00
2 sap pails,	1 00
60 bu. oats,	27 00
1 ton straw,	5 00
1 stone drag,	2 00
1 sugaring-off pan,	3 00
100 lbs. salt,	75
1 bu. india wheat,	45
1 draw tub,	5 00
2 holders,	2 00
6 milk cans,	12 00
1 caldron kettle,	2 00
3 logging chains,	2 00
2 trace chains,	1 00
2 halters,	1 00
1 horse blanket,	1 50
2 cider barrels,	2 00
3 bushel baskets,	1 00
1 ½-bushel basket,	25
2 ½-bushel measures,	50
½ bbl. flour,	2 50
soap,	2 50
35 cords stove wood,	87 50
lumber and bark,	5 00
5 sled tongues,	1 60
2 ox carts,	10 00
1 wagon,	5 00
1 sleigh,	4 00
1 ox sled,	5 00
2 bob sleds,	6 00
3 harnesses,	20 00
2 yokes,	2 00
3 ladders,	3 00
1 plow,	2 00
2 harrows,	15 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 00
1 mowing machine,	20 00
1 horse rake,	15 00
1 garden rake,	25
2 scythes and 2 snaths,	1 00
1 grindstone,	3 00
2 spades,	1 00
1 manure hook,	50
4 shovels,	1 00
12 meal bags,	1 00
1 robe,	7 00

6 axes,	$3 00
1 vise,	50
1 cultivator,	5 00
1 wagon,	20 00
1 plow,	11 00
1 snow shovel,	25
2 corn knives,	25
3 cant hooks,	3 00
4 wedges,	50
2 cross-cut saws,	1 00
1 key-hole saw,	25
2 wood saws,	75
augers, chisel & bits,	2 00
1 steel square,	1 00
1 shave,	50
1 block plane,	50
1 fore plane,	50
1 jointer,	75
3 hammers,	1 00
1 try square,	25
div., chisel, line, etc.,	50
1 force pump,	1 00
2 sprinklers,	1 40
2 monkey wrenches,	50
2 prs. sheep shears,	50
1 hand rake,	10
2 gals. kerosene oil,	24
1 evaporator & arch,	40 00
	$1312 89

Produce Sold from Town Farm.

Butter,	$258 00	
Frank Bixby, beef and pork,	86 07	
Potatoes,	13 81	
Keeping horse for Mrs Wright,	2 25	
One cow,	50 00	
One pig,	2 00	
C P Dickinson, maple sugar and eggs,	27 71	
Bark,	3 30	
Scott George, barbed wire,	70	
George Goodrich,	10 00	
Due from F E Bixby,	70 32	
		$524 16

Poor Away from Town Farm.

Mrs Sarah Garvin,			
Paid Mrs N J Copeland, house rent,		$30 00	
Rec'd from Herbert Garvin,	$13 50		
Due from Herbert Garvin,	4 50	18 00	$12 00
Cassendana Stoddard,			
Paid J D Ballou, board and care,		.....	52 00
Joseph Lombard,			
Paid C P Dickinson, goods,			1 60
Henry Lyford,			
Paid C P Dickinson, goods.			10 31
Oscar Royce,			
Paid C P Dickinson, goods,			5 56
Paid F H Godfrey, medical attendance,			23 75
Tramps,			
Paid E D Barnes, board,			3 00
Perley Rogers,			
Paid F I Whitney, board.			15 50
			$123 72

Cash Received and Rent Due Away from Town Farm.

Received on Whitney and Ackerman note,	$31 00
Due from A Bradshaw, rent of Avery place,	10 00
Due from Chester Doten, rent of Avery place,	14 00
	$55 00

Statement of Town Farm Account.

To stock on hand, 1898,	$1241 76	
interest on surplus money,	88 32	
cash paid as per this report,	1176 49	
due S T Farrington, April 1, 1899,	50 00	
		$2556 57
CR.		
By stock on hand,	$1312 89	
cash received and produce sold,	555 16	
due and unpaid,	24 00	
		1892 05
Expense,		$664 52

Recapitulation of the Cost of Support of Poor.

Total cost of Town Farm,	$664 52	
Total cost of poor away from Farm,	123 72	$788 24

Report of Property taken from Erastus Bugbee.

Cash in overseer's hands, 1898,	$199 38	
received of N G Moore, parsnips,	63	
		$200 01
Cash paid out :		
Ezra Hood,	$1 50	
W P Townsend, taxes,	4 80	
		6 30
Cash in overseer's hands,		$193 71
Due from town,	$89 00	
By hay on hand,	35 00	
		$124 00
		$317 71
Due on J K Darling's note,		127 21
		$190 50

The town holds a deed of the Bugbee farm.

Orders Drawn by Overseer

C O Slack, feed,	$21 33
A F Whitney, two sap holders,	1 80
C P Dickinson, one cow,	35 00
H O Bixby, Chelsea Herald and B. Journal,	1 50
F I Whitney, board of P W Rogers,	15 50
C O Slack, feed,	30 32
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	20 00
Mrs N J Copeland, rent,	2 50
Will Cady, one cow.	30 00
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	10 00
E L Larkin, planting corn,	4 50
Geo Goodrich, eight pigs,	15 00
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	25 00
Mrs N J Copeland, rent,	5 00
J D Ballou, board of Miss Stoddard,	20 00
C O Slack, feed,	10 90
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	25 00
C O Slack, feed,	9 35
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	20 00
A H Powers, feed,	64 58
Mrs N J Copeland, rent,	5 00
Orcutt Bixby, one cow,	37 00
Scott George, labor,	12 25
E L Larkin, filling silo,	13 00
C F Baker, labor,	4 00
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	20 00
C O Slack, feed,	10 50
F E Allen, work and goods,	2 30
C P Dickinson, cow and calf,	40 00
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	20 00
Fred Folsom, labor with team,	7 50
Mrs N J Copeland, rent,	5 00
C O Slack & Son, feed,	7 20
C P Dickinson, peosphate,	51 25
P W Rogers, labor,	3 25
C P Dickinson, goods,	96 52
G L Hayward, threshing,	4 50
Henry Magoon, labor,	1 00

S T Farrington, apply on salary,	$25 00
Scott George, labor,	2 50
Mrs N J Copeland, rent,	2 50
W P Townsend, Treas., taxes,	19 12
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	20 00
F J Austin, labor,	1 35
C O Slack, feed,	8 30
E A George, beef,	7 63
E H Kennedy, making cider,	1 18
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	25 00
Townsend & Whitney, express wagon,	20 00
George Goodrich, nine pigs,	13 00
J D Ballou, board of Miss Stoddard,	32 00
H O Bixby, Chelsea Herald and B. Journal,	1 50
A F Morey, butchering, and use of bull,	5 50
Mrs N J Copeland, rent,	10 00
A R Hood & Son, goods,	34 25
E O Tracy, goods,	39 06
Willis Scales, goods,	10 25
Selectmen, parsonage right tax,	12 04
J A R Corwin, goods,	129 22
A H Powers, feed,	23 43
Timothy Sullivan, labor,	1 05
Mrs Sarah George, labor,	1 00
L S Allen, labor,	2 00
W H Hill, labor,	8 85
E D Barnes, boarding tramp,	3 00
S T Farrington, apply on salary,	15 00
Eunice A Noyes, liquor,	13 43
Dr F H Godfrey, services,	23 75
W P Townsend, Treas., interest on surplus money,	88 32
C P Dickinson, goods,	47 56
F E Bixby, goods,	29 87
W S Hatch, goods,	24 90
C P Dickinson, money paid out,	27 73

C. P. DICKINSON, Overseer.

Report of Trustees of Chelsea Public Library and Alden Speare Memorial Library Building.

The library has received its usual patronage during the last year. Less books than usual have been purchased, because of a decreased appropriation. All expenses have been kept at the minimum point, as reference to the treasurer's report will show. Not one cent is paid either for librarian's services or for janitor work. Hence no complaint can be made that the townspeople do not receive all the benefit of the annual appropriation of money made for library use. But it is respectfully urged that the appropriation yearly necessary for this worthy institution should be ungrudgingly granted. A statement of the receipts and expenses of the last year is appended.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation voted by town, Mar. 1, 1898,	$45 00
Net proceeds of Miss Elsie Powers' Reading,	4 50
Received from subscriptions,	63
fines,	5 85
sale of catalogues,	90
books destroyed,	50
	$57 38

EXPENSES.

Due treasurer, as per last report,	.....	$6 93	
Cash paid for books bought,	.....	45 01	
freight on same,	.....	54	
binding books,	.....	6 45	
			58 93
Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 4, 1899,			$1 55

Respectfully submitted,

HIRA L. BIXBY,
JOHN B. BACON,
GEO. L. STOW,
M. H. CORWIN,
J. M. COMSTOCK,
} Trustees.

Report of School Directors

We have maintained eleven legal schools the past year, at a total cost of $3054.09.

Following is a list in detail of our receipts and expenses:

Money Received for School Purposes.

Town school tax of 50 cents,	$2169 34
Interest on U S deposit money,	148 54
Huntington fund,	46 87
Rent of school land,	31 50
Grammar school fund,	76 76
Five per cent. state school tax,	406 77
Academy tuition,	192 05
Of Washington, for their proportion of cost of school in Braman district (No. 15),	93 13
Tuition from other towns,	18 75
	$3183 71

Money Paid out for School Purposes.

No. 2.—Lillian M Wells, teaching 10 weeks,	$92 50	
Anne R Howe, teaching 22 weeks,	187 00	
Care and cleaning,	11 00	
Wood,	38 50	
Repairs,	95 57	$424 57
No. 5.—Ada J Sherburne, teaching 9 weeks,	$51 50	
Nellie D Barnes, teaching 19 weeks,	109 00	
Care and cleaning,	2 50	
Wood,	7 00	$170 00

No. 7.—Grace G Bacon, teaching 9 weeks,	$40 50	
Eunice D Moulton, teaching 9 weeks,	45 00	
Hattie Dearborn, teaching 10 weeks,	60 00	
Care and cleaning,	5 00	
Wood,	5 00	$155 50
No. 8.—Annie B Camp, teaching 18 weeks,	$110 25	
Louise E Taft, teaching 10 weeks,	65 00	
Care and cleaning,	4 00	
Wood,	7 50	
Repairs,	1 00	$187 75
No. 10.—Martha Noyes, teaching 28 weeks,	$154 00	
Care and cleaning,	3 00	
Wood,	13 25	
Repairs,	50	$170 75
No. 11.—Nellie D Barnes, teaching 9 weeks,	$45 00	
Arthur G Smith, teaching 19 weeks,	114 25	
Care and cleaning,	4 50	
Wood,	7 00	
Repairs,	1 00	$171 75
No. 12.—Clara J. Laird, teaching 9 weeks,	$45 00	
Emma E Adams, teaching 10 weeks,	55 00	
Will A Barnes, teaching 9 weeks,	50 00	
Cleaning,	1 50	$151 50
No. 15.—Margaret J Laird, teaching 9 weeks,	$40 50	
Louise E Taft, teaching 10 weeks,	55 00	
Eunice D Moulton, teaching 9 weeks,	54 00	
Wood,	8 00	
Care,	3 00	$160 50
No. 17.—Anne R Howe, teaching 9 weeks,	$63 00	
Clara J Laird, teaching 19 weeks,	128 50	
Care and cleaning,	7 00	
Wood,	14 00	$212 50
Chelsea Academy and High School.		
J M Comstock, teaching 32 weeks,	$750 00	
Lena E Spalding, teaching 32 weeks,	280 00	
Care and cleaning,	18 50	
Wood,	10 75	$1059 25

Miscellaneous.

L H Bohonon, trans. sch. from No. 3	$22 50	
E W Hood, do do	61 50	
H F Mattoon, transportation,	16 00	
W H Bugbee, do	10 00	
Insurance,	22 80	
Incidentals,	29 67	
School books,	27 55	$190 02
Total cost of schools including books,		$3054 09

ERNEST A. CORWIN,
A. BARNES,
PHILIP J. LITTLE,
} School Directors.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 11, 1899.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF CHELSEA:

Agreeably to section 674 of the Vermont Statutes, we recommend that the town appropriate 55 cents on a dollar of the grand list for the maintenance of schools the next year, and also recommend that the town appropriate an additional sum to apply on the school indebtedness of the town.

ERNEST A. CORWIN,
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A. BARNES,
} School Directors.

Orders Drawn by School Directors

227	Harry F Braman, care of school house No. 15	$ 3 00
228	Annie B Camp, error in amount of order No. 215	2 50
229	C A Densmore, cleaning and repairing clocks in No. 2 and No. 17	1 35
230	Roy B Sanborn, care of school house No. 17, winter term	2 00
231	A S Camp, care of school house No. 11	3 00
232	Walter L Carpenter, 2 cords wood for No. 8	7 00
233	Rae Ballou, care of school house No. 7	3 00
234	Fred W Smith, 2 cords wood for No. 5	7 00
235	N W Hunt, cleaning school house No. 5	1 50
236	Mrs A Barnes, cleaning school house No. 12	1 50
237	George B Roberts, 2½ cords dry wood for high school,	10 75
238	Sarah George, cleaning school house No. 10	1 50
239	C L Buzzell, 2 cords wood for No. 11	7 00
240	L H Bohonon, transportation of scholars from No. 3, spring term	22 50
241	Lena E Spalding, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, intermediate department	87 50
242	W W Underhill, care of high school building, spring term	4 50
243	John M Comstock, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, high school	234 38
244	Mrs M Sanborn, cleaning school house No. 17	2 00
245	G W Taplin, 2 cords wood for No. 15	8 00
246	Wesley Underhill, cleaning school house No. 2, primary room	1 00
247	Ada J Sherburne, teach. summer term, 9 w. in No. 5,	51 50
248	Anne R Howe, teaching summer term, 9 w. in No. 17,	63 00
249	Annie B Camp, teaching summer term, 9 w. in No. 8,	54 00
250	Nellie D Barnes, teach. summer term, 9 w. in No. 11,	45 00
251	Lillian M Wells, teach. summer term, 10 w. in No. 2,	92 50
252	Martha L Noyes, teach. summer term, 9 w. in No. 10,	45 00
253	Not drawn.	
254	Sammie R Underhill. care of school house No. 2, spring term	2 00

255	Grace G Bacon, teach. summer term, 9 w. in No. 7,	$40 50
256	E W Hood, transportation, spring term	12 00
257	Roy Sanborn, care of school house, No. 17, sp. term,	1 00
258	Clara J Laird, teaching summer term, 9 w. in No. 12,	45 00
259	Margaret E Laird, teach. summer term, 9 w. in No. 15,	40 50
260	L D Parkhurst, work on school house No. 2	12 00
261	L D Parkhurst, work on school house No. 2	8 00
262	B W Flanders, work on school house No. 2	6 50
263	John M Comstock, am't paid for sch. books and exp.	7 40
264	Emma M Hood, cleaning school houses Nos. 7 and 8,	4 00
265	L D Parkhurst, work on school house No. 2	8 00
266	Mrs B M Underhill, cleaning school house No. 2	8 00
267	Philip J Little, work on school house No. 2	16 50
268	Willard S Hatch, bill to date for goods for school houses, all but $1.42 for dist. No. 2	43 94
269	J M Comstock, cash paid for school books	20 15
270	Harvey W Spear, w'k on sch. house No. 2 and shingles	80
271	Annie B Camp, teaching fall term, 9 w. in No. 8	56 25
272	Eunice D Moulton, teaching fall term, 9 w. in No. 7,	45 00
273	Arthur G. Smith, teaching fall term, 9 w. in No. 11,	51 75
274	Louise E Taft, teaching fall term, 10 w. in No. 15,	55 00
275	Nellie D Barnes, teaching fall term, 10 w. in No. 5,	55 00
276	Nellie E Adams, teaching fall term, 10 w. in No. 12,	55 00
277	Martha L Noyes, teaching fall term, 10 w. in No. 10,	55 00
278	L H Bohonon, dry wood for No. 2	2 50
279	A F Morey, 1 cord dry wood for No. 10	4 25
280	Clara J Laird, teaching fall term, 9 w. in No. 17	58 50
281	John M Comstock, teach. fall term, 12 w. in high sch.	281 25
282	Anne R Howe, teaching fall term, 12 w. in No. 2	102 00
283	Lena E Spalding, teaching fall term, 12 w. in high sch.	105 00
284	Clarence E Camp, repairs on school house No. 8	1 00
285	Wesley M Davis. care of school house No. 2, fall term,	6 00
286	H F Mattoon, trans. of scholars, sum. and fall terms,	11 00
287	Ezra W Hood, trans. of scholars from No. 3, fall term,	27 00
288	C E Davis, 10 cords wood for high school and No. 2,	36 00
289	A S Camp, cleaning and repairing school house No. 11,	2 50
290	E A George, 1 cord dry wood for No. 7	5 00
291	A F Morey, 2 cords dry wood for No. 10	9 00
292	Alison George, repairs on school house No. 10	50
293	Arthur G Smith, teaching winter term, 10 w. in No. 11,	62 50
294	Arthur G Smith, care sch. house No. 11, fall and win.,	3 00
295	Ernest R George, care of school house No. 10	1 50
296	E O Tracy, bill for supplies furnished school houses,	2 45

297	Will A Barnes, teaching winter term, 9 w. in No. 12,	$50 00
298	Louise E Taft, teaching winter term, 10 w. in No. 8,	65 00
299	Alvah Carpenter, wood for No. 8	50
300	Martha L Noyes, teach. winter term, 9 w. in No. 10,	54 00
301	Roy B Sanborn, care school house No. 17, fall and win.	4 00
302	Nellie D Barnes, teaching winter term, 9 w. in No. 5,	54 00
303	Oliver E Burgess, care of school house No. 5, fall term,	1 00
304	Eunice D Moulton, teach. winter term, 9 w. in No. 15,	54 00
305	C E Godfrey, repairs on school house No. 2	1 25
306	Harry Braman, care of school house No. 15	3 00
307	Lena E Spalding, teach. win. term, 10 w. in high sch.	87 50
308	Anne R Howe, teaching winter term, 10 w. in No. 2,	85 00
309	John M Comstock, teach. win. term, 10 w. in high sch.	234 37
310	Wesley H Bugbee, transportation	10 00
311	Wesley Davis, care high school building, winter term,	8 00
312	Clarence Camp, care of school house No. 8	2 00
313	Clara J Laird, teaching winter term, 10 w. in No. 17,	70 00
314	H F Mattoon, transportation, winter term	5 00
315	Ezra W Hood, transportation from No. 3, winter term,	22 50
316	J A R Corwin, acc't for supplies furnished schools	12 95
317	Hattie Dearborn, teaching winter term, 10 w. in No. 7,	60 00
318	C S Emery, insurance on school houses	22 80
319	E E Densmore, 4 cords wood for No. 17	14 00
320	C M Davis, labor on school houses	1 00
	Total amount of orders drawn by school directors,	$3054 09

Orders Drawn by Selectmen

Jane Laird, money loaned	$100 00
A L Sprague, services as lister	21 75
C P Dickinson, services as selectman and overseer	100 00
W P Townsend, services as town clerk and treasurer	30 55
H W Dearborn, ministerial money due M E Church	19 50
J B Bacon, 2067 feet plank	20 67
C S Emery, services as auditor and town agent	10 00
Alvah Carpenter, services as lister	25 90
W S Hatch, services as auditor	5 00
E A Corwin, services as school director	10 00
H S Fitts, services as selectman	7 00
Mrs W E Allen, services as school superintendent	40 00
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	217 91
J A R Corwin, services as auditor	5 00
Clara J Laird, interest on or. No. 48-198, to Feb. 12, '98,	61 59
do do 28, to March 9, '98	7 40
Geo J Helmer, money borrowed	1612 50
B H Adams, Jr., services as lister	19 25
H N Mattison, int. on orders Nos. 263-4-5-6-7	50 00
C P Dickinson, check to M W Wheelock, dog lic. book,	1 25
do do Thos H Cave, printing town reports and 3 order books	52 55
Horace Walker, min. money due M E Ch., West Hill	19 50
E E Densmore, breaking sidewalk	5 00
Story N Goss, services as health officer	6 00
S T Farrington, balance of salary	50 00
Laura R Fuller, int. on or. Nos. 21-37 & 39, to Feb 12, '98,	15 44
Joseph Landon, care of town clock to April 1, 1898	6 00
G C Bowin, 1396 feet plank	13 96
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on order 356	10 00
C P Dickinson, order of Carlton Slack	32 33
James Cosgrove, 2520 feet plank	25 20
C P Dickinson, Ballou saw bill	14 25
A Barnes, 2052 feet plank	20 52
Martha J Landon, int. on order No. 132, to Feb. 12, '98,	5 98
Laura R Fuller, money borrowed	100 00
Scott George, 2010 feet plank	20 10
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall	14 00
L D Parkhurst, labor at town hall	10 00
C P Dickinson, check to Thompson & Pinkham	112 05
W P Townsend, returns to state superintendent	9 15

L H Bohonon, labor and stringers	$25 00
A F Morey, 1106 feet plank	11 06
C W Bixby, labor	1 50
W P Townsend, treasurer, school and highway tax	423 06
C W Goodwin, labor and money paid out	19 39
W P Townsend, treasurer, state tax	211 53
Zelma Slack, cleaning town hall	2 33
Joseph Landon, care of town clock	6 00
C P Dickinson, check to A L Weeks, liquor license	25 00
Geo. Fuller, labor	8 18
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on orders Nos. 49–50	20 12
W P Townsend, treas., money from S B Hebard estate, interest to be used for lot in cemetery	35 00
C M Hunt, money borrowed	50 00
C P Dickinson, check to Cushing Process Co	18 50
H W Dearborn, repairing town hall roof	3 00
E M Young, 19 turkeys killed by dogs	11 00
F S Pearl, injuries received on bridge	15 00
C W Bixby, labor on old cemetery	3 75
T J Doyle, labor with team	10 00
H N Mattison, cashier, int. on orders Nos. 357–8–9	30 00
Geo M Davis, postal cards and printing	7 00
Sarah Gustin, error in tax	4 80
H N Mattison, cashier, int. on orders Nos. 263–267	50 00
S L Rich, one sheep killed by dogs	3 00
Joseph Landon, care of town clock	6 00
E L Royce, damage, breaking through Tracy bridge	2 50
Fred Lewis, labor	1 40
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on order No. 356	10 00
W H Emery, money borrowed Cong'l Church Society	200 00
Mrs A E Hopkins, damage to land	2 50
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co.	77 99
do do J S Benham	116 47
do do F P Martin, water tub	5 00
do do Climax Road Machine Co.	12 50
do do M W Wheelock	3 80
do do Thos H Cave	3 16
J M Comstock, public library	45 00
do making town tax	6 00
J B Ackerman, four cords wood	18 00
Geo Fuller, labor	2 75
C P Dickinson, check to Cushing Process Co.	29 50
Henry Bryant, labor	2 50
C H Corliss, labor with team	6 60
John B Corliss, four grates and freight	10 50

W A Densmore, labor with team	$9 90
W L Carpenter, one sheep killed by dogs	3 00
C P Dickinson, check to Watchman Co.	13 50
C M Hunt, money borrowed	25 00
R W Laird, error in tax	4 32
Jennie E Moore, error in tax	19 20
J M Comstock, county tax	42 31
M O Gates, labor on Bugbee bridge	19 57
Joseph McConnell, error in tax	3 75
S L Rich, damage to sheep	2 50
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on orders	188 25
Irvin Bowin, land damage	2 50
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall	30 00
H N Mattison, cashier, int. on school district orders	26 40
do trustee, money borrowed	300 00
Joseph Landon, care of town clock	6 00
H W Spear, labor	5 60
Henry Clark, 5760 lbs. coal	25 19
J M Flint, services as selectman	3 00
do labor with team	13 50
M O Coburn, labor	18 98
C W Lyon, labor	5 75
C M Beckwith, labor	2 00
H O Bixby, printing	6 60
C W Goodwin, labor	5 75
E O Tracy, goods	41 99
C E Godfrey, collector, taxes abated	48 55
B H Adams, Jr., driving hearse and other work	27 25
H N Mattison, cashier, int. on orders Nos. 357–8–9	30 00
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall	4 00
W P Townsend, treasurer, interest on U S deposit mon.	60 22
N S Bixby, labor	6 80
C P Dickinson, goods	42 19
C E Godfrey, labor and material	17 85
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co.	72 34
Eunice A Noyes, agent's salary and freight	112 73
W S Hatch, goods	10 14
W P Townsend, dirt	5 00
R W Allen, services at freemen's meeting	2 00
Est. of Alonzo Noyes. do	3 00
C M Hall, work on watering troughs	2 80
C S Emery, insurance	16 00
W P Townsend, interest on order 142 to Feb. 11, 1898	35 37
do do do do do 1899	34 51
do money borrowed of Highland Cemetery	937 24
C P Dickinson, money paid out	21 40

Outstanding Orders

WITH INTEREST TO FEBRUARY 12, 1899.

1893		No.			
June	3	48	Clara J Laird	$250 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	10 00	$260 00
1894					
May	28	186	W H Button	625 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	117 71	742 71
June	6	298	Clara J Laird	100 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	4 00	104 90
	9	199	Jane Laird	200 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	36 40	236 40
	5	208	Katie Laird	300 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	55 23	355 23
Sept.	1	246	Ellen K Taplin	100 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	12 00	112 00
	18	264	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	6 45	506 45
	18	265	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	6 45	506 45
	18	266	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	6 45	506 45
	18	267	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	6 45	506 45
Oct.	8	356	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	7 05	507 05
1895					
Feb.	6	357	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	17	500 17
	6	358	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	17	500 17
	6	359	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	17	500 17
1893					
Jan.	13	49	School District No. 2, order,	555 90	
			Interest at 5 per ct	1 79	557 69

Jan. 14	50	School District No. 2, order,	500 00	
		Interest at 5 per ct	1 61	501 61
1895				
Mar. 26	21	Laura R Fuller	300 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	12 00	312 00
May 7		W H Button	100 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	15 07	115 07
1896				
April 25	37	Laura R Fuller	50 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	2 00	52 00
May 16	39	Edna N Flanders	70 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	7 66	77 66
Aug. 20	67	W H Button	50 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	5 63	55 63
Sept. 22	85	Frank W Button	100 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	9 54	109 54
1897				
June 25	132	Martha J Landon	140 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	5 60	145 60
May 1	30	Norman W Hunt	25 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	1 78	26 78
22	39	Laura R Fuller	60 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	2 40	62 40
Feb. 12	182	Jane Laird	100 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	4 00	104 00
Mar. 8	198	George J Helmer	1612 50	
		Interest at 4 per ct	59 12	1671 62
May 2	216	Laura R Fuller	100 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	3 00	103 00
July 22	233	W P Townsend, Treas., Highland Cemetery,	35 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	75	35 75
30	234	C M Hunt	50 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	1 05	51 05
Oct. 8	250	Congl Church Society	200 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	2 00	202 00
Nov. 18	269	C M Hunt	25 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	25	25 25
1899				
Jan. 5	280	H N Mattison	300 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	1 05	301 05
Feb. 11	310	Highland Cemetery		937 24
				$11295 64

Selectmen's Orders.

Feb.	7	299	Charles E Godfrey	$17 85	
	9	302	W S Hatch	10 14	
	10	304	R W Allen	2 00	
	10	305	Est. Alonzo Noyes	3 00	
	10	306	C M Hall	2 80	
	11	307	C S Emery	16 00—	51 79

Overseer's Orders.

1899					
Feb.	3	215	A R Hood & Son	$34 25	
	4	221	Timothy Sullivan	1 05	
	6	225	E D Barnes	3 00	
	9	232	W S Hatch	24 90	
1897					
Aug.	19	107	Henry Clark	$2 50—	65 70

School Directors' Orders.

1898					
Nov.	19	283	Lena E Spalding	$105 00	
	26	284	Clarence E Camp	1 00	
	26	285	Wesley M Davis	6 00	
Dec.	3	286	H F Mattoon	11 00	
	5	287	E W Hood	27 00	
	23	288	C E Davis	36 00	
	30	289	A S Camp	2 50	
	31	290	E A George	5 00	
	31	291	A F Morey	9 00	
1899					
Jan.	2	292	Allison George	50	
	27	293	Arthur G Smith	62 50	
	27	294	do	3 00	
	28	295	Ernest A George	1 50	
Feb.	4	296	E G Tracy	2 45	
	4	297	W A Barnes	50 00	
	4	298	Louisa E Taft	65 00	
	4	299	Alvah Carpenter	50	
	4	300	Martha L Noyes	54 00	
	4	301	Roy B Sanborn	4 00	
	7	302	Nellie D Barnes	54 00	
	7	303	Oliver E Burgess	1 00	
	7	304	Eunice D Moulton	54 00	

Feb.	10	306	Harry Braman	$3 00	
	10	307	Lena E Spalding	87 50	
	11	308	Annie B Howe	85 00	
	11	309	John B Comstock	234 37	
	11	310	W H Bugbee	10 00	
	11	311	Wesley Davis	8 00	
	11	312	Clarence Camp	2 00	
	11	313	Clara J Laird	70 00	
	11	314	H F Mattoon	5 00	
	11	315	E W Hood	22 50	
	11	316	J A R Corwin	12 95	
	11	317	Hattie Dearborn	60 00	
	11	318	C S Emery	22 80	
	13	319	E E Densmore	14 00	
	13	320	C M Davis	1 00—	1193 07

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS.

1898					
Nov.	11	106	G W Cleaveland	$2 25	
	24	114	F C Waldo	8 00	
	28	118	H F Mattoon	5 00	
Dec.	7	127	George Dickerman	7 18	
	13	129	Wm Mattoon	5 30	
	22	131	C A Luce	5 00	
Jan.	28	135	W E Bacon	17 25	
	31	138	F Edwards	2 87	
Feb.	4	140	C W Goodwin	7 20	
	4	142	J M Flint	5 00	
	4	144	O Bixby	2 50	
	6	148	C C Scales	6 12	
Nov.	19	109	A N George	1 65	
	21	110	G W Taplin	1 20	
	21	111	G M Young	4 50	
	23	113	W E Bacon	1 05	
	24	115	F C Waldo	3 00	
	24	117	C M Hall	2 85	
	28	119	H F Mattoon	3 00	
	28	120	E G Brown	16 00	
	29	121	E B Dickinson	1 50	
Dec.	3	126	W Morse	3 48	
	7	128	W F Dewey	8 62	
	19	130	W H Luce	3 45	

1899					
Jan.	7	132	John McCullum	$6 45	
	21	133	G B Roberts	2 12	
	28	134	C E F Baker	1 25	
	28	136	W E Bacon	16 30	
	30	137	David Dickerman	6 75	
Feb.	1	139	M O Coburn	1 05	
	4	143	E O Tracy	1 25	
	9	145	W C Goodwin	1 50	
	4	146	Milo Sanborn	3 25	
	6	149	M O Gates	4 85	
	6	150	W H Hill	1 35	
	7	151	R Kennedy	5 00	
	8	152	Horace Moxley	47 11	
Nov.	21	13	A I Dexter	27 00	
	28	14	E G Brown	31 50	
	29	15	G F Fuller	4 00	
	29	16	C W Bixby	6 00	
	29	17	Fred P Hall	1 20	
Dec.	13	19	Horace Moxley	100 00	
	29	20	George Densmore	4 50	
1899					
Jan.	2	21	John McCullum	5 00	
	28	22	W E Bacon	29 04	
Feb.	6	24	N G Moore	4 00	
	8	25	Horace Moxley	34 51	
1898					
Jan.	20	67	Timothy Sullivan	9 40—	478 35

Report of Town Treasurer

Would respectfully report that since the last annual meeting there has been paid by the Treasurer 492 orders drawn by the Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, School Directors, Road Commissioner, and Town Clerk.

Paid 223 selectmen's and overseer's orders	$9251 75
171 road commissioner's orders	1802 61
94 school directors' orders	3194 19
4 town clerk's orders	3 75
Allowed to taxpayers 4 per ct. on the amount paid to the treasurer before the expiration of 90 days	323 37
Allowed treasurer 1 per ct. for collecting same	77 61
do for issuing 104 war., 5c. each,	5 20
Am't due on collector's receipt for 1894	4 35
do do 1895	12 83
do do 1896	3 75
do do 1897	55 05
do do 1898	446 03
do school account, Feb. 11, 1898	248 24
do highway do do	731 32
Balance in treasurer's hands, Feb. 15, 1899	1145 19
	$1735 24

Contra, Credit.

Amount in treasury on town acc't, Feb. 9, '98		$1344	97
Jane Laird, money borrowed at 4 per ct		100	00
George J Helmer, do do		1612	50
Highland Cemetery, do do		35	00
Cong. Ch. Society, do do		200	00
Am't due on collector's receipt, 1893		1	31
do do 1894		7	78
do do 1895		27	81
do do 1896		31	84
do do 1897		490	09
Town clerk, dog licenses, less fees		105	70
C M Hunt, money borrowed at 4 per ct		25	00
Eunice A Noyes, town agent, sale of liquor		1133	75
Town tax of 130 cents on the dollar		5638	33
H N Mattison, trustee, money bor. at 4 per ct		300	00
Selectmen, rent of town hall		88	00
do parsonage right		38	72
Joseph French, for old iron			15
Laura Fuller, money borrowed at 4 per ct		100	00
C M Hunt do do		50	00
H O Bixby, for lamp chimneys			25
Selectmen, for Whitney & Ackerman note		31	00
H W Dearborn, for plank		9	00
W D Hook, for lot in West Hill Cemetery		5	00
Thos H Cave, for cash overpaid		3	16
C N Dearborn, for plank			40
Nat. Bank Orange County, div. on Grow fund		4	00
Highland Cemetery, money bor. at 4 per ct		937	24
Overseer of Poor, produce sold from town farm		476	34
State Treas., for 81 miles of total mile. of state,		480	40
Highway tax of 20c. on the dollar		867	29
State Treas., Huntington fund		46	87
J M Comstock, tuition from Chelsea Academy,		192	05
State Treasurer, for 11 legal schools		406	77
Trea. Chelsea Academy, gram. school money		76	76

School tax of 50c. on the dollar	$2169 34
Overseer of Poor, interest on surplus money	88 32
Selectmen, do do	60 22
Town of Washington, tuition	93 13
do Brookfield, do	7 00
do Tunbridge, do	7 00
Selectmen, school right	12 75
	$1735 24

W. P. TOWNSEND, Treasurer.

Resources and Liabilities of the Town, Feb. 12, '99.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders and interest	$13084 47	
Bills approved by auditors	315 25	
Balance due S T Farrington and wife, services on town farm	50 00	
		$13449 72

RESOURCES.

Value of liquor on hand	$115 64	
Rent due on lease land	97 95	
Due on tax receipt	522 01	
Cash in treasurer's hands	1145 19	
		1880 79
Excess of liabilities		$11568 93

Bills of Town Officers Approved by Auditors

W P Townsend, clerk	$18 50
do treasurer	10 00
C P Dickinson, selectman	50 00
J M Flint, do	5 00
C P Dickinson, overseer	50 00
Alvah Carpenter, lister	42 50
A L Sprague, lister	38 25
B H Adams, lister	35 00
E A Corwin, school director	10 00
Mrs W E Allen, school superintendent	36 00
C S Emery, town agent	5 00
W S Hatch, auditor	5 00
C S Emery, auditor	5 00
J A R Corwin, auditor	5 00
	$315 25

Auditors' Report

The undersigned auditors have examined the accounts of the selectmen, overseer of the poor, school directors, road commissioner, town clerk and treasurer, and liquor agent, and find proper vouchers for all money paid out.

On examination of the treasurer's accounts we find as follows :

In the hands of the treasurer of the general fund,		$2613 65
Due the treasurer on highway account,	$1186 24	
do do school do	282 22	
		1468 46
Leaving in hands of treasurer		$1145 19

We also find in the hands of the treasurer on account of the cemetery fund $937 24

WILLARD S. HATCH,
C. S. EMERY,
J. A. R. CORWIN,
} Auditors.

To the Taxpayers of Chelsea

I again have the satisfaction of being able to report that there is no litigation pending in which the town is a party.

C. S. EMERY, Town Agent.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 12, 1899.

List of Taxes Abated

Coryden S Brown,	on list of	1898	$4 05
Jennie E Moore,	do	1898	20 05
Geo B Langmaid,	do	1893	86
Benj Robbins	do	1894	64
Gus W Cleveland,	do	1894	3 45
do	do	1896	3 45
Ruth Kennedy,	do	1897	16 00
			$48 55

Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen present their annual report, with the reports of the other town officers, for the year ending Feb. 20, 1899.

The Board has endeavored, in expending the money entrusted to them, to use it in a conservative and careful manner, expending it only when they believed the public good demanded it.

During the year the liabilities of the town have been decreased $1181.80.

Highway Taxes

As will be seen by this report, the expense of the Road Commissioner in the repairs of highways has exceeded the tax assessed in the sum of $496.74.

Under the provisions of the Statutes the Road Commissioner is authorized to expend the taxes assessed for highway purposes ; and if more are needed provision is made for raising the same by special tax.

We have deemed it better to report the deficiency to the town, and let the same be paid by appropriation made by the voters rather than borrow the requisite sum.

Streets

The streets as a general thing are in a very satisfactory condition, with the exception of Main street from a point near the hotel to the grist mill, which very much needs a sewer to carry away the surface water, which always accumulates in this locality, to the great inconvenience of people living in the vicinity and also to the traveling public.

Report of Overseer

While the expenses at the Farm may seem to some to be larger than my report one year ago, I think it can easily be accounted for in the appraisal of produce on hand compared with one year ago, which made a difference of $125.00.

Considering the depressing times and the large amount of sickness the past winter, I feel that we may congratulate ourselves that our poor account is no larger.

Aid in many cases has been rendered by the associated charities, for which as Overseer I wish to return thanks.

One person, who would have become a town charge, has been made a state charge, which will relieve the town of that expense.

C. P. DICKINSON, Overseer.

REPORT

OF

Town Superintendent of Schools.

Twelve schools have been maintained in town during the year.

In Districts Nos. 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, for the time required by statute, in each grade of the Academy and in District No. 2, for thirty-two weeks.

Seventeen teachers have been employed for this work. Of this number three have taught continuously in one school, three others have taught the entire year in town, while five have taught two terms, and six one term.

Although there has not been uniformity in methods, I am convinced that the teachers have been interested in their schools, and have conscientiously tried to do their best.

We trust that in their efforts they have had the earnest co-operation of the parents of their pupils.

In view of the fact that the education of our youth is of greatest importance, and should take the precedence of all other obligations that rest upon us as a town, I can but urge a liberal appropriation for the coming year. The number of weeks of school in the outlying districts should

be increased, and the directors should not be obliged to impair the efficiency of even the smallest school from lack of funds.

As the Academy building does not fully supply the existing needs of the school, and all agree that the village schools should be combined in one of four grades, I recommend that until a suitable building can be erected, that a room be secured on the second floor of the Bacon & Hall block for the primary grade, thus leaving the present accommodations for intermediate, grammar and academic work.

The existing practice, which allows our children to elect what studies they shall pursue, and in what order, is manifestly detrimental to their interests and the efficiency of our schools. If possible, a uniform course of study should be adopted, and no promotion should be allowed except upon satisfactory examination.

I would recommend to your consideration the suggestions contained in a pamphlet published by the Tuttle Company, of Rutland, entitled "Course of Studies for the Schools of Vermont."

MRS. W. E. ALLEN, Supt.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 17, 1899.

Births.

1898.	Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
Jan'y 4.	Eva Belle Lucas.	L. Norris, Jr. & Nellie
Feb'y 2.	Mabel Stella Larkin.	Frank E. & Virginia M
12.	. . . Alger.	Wm. H. & Ellen.
March 7.	Robert Clark Farrington.	Sylvester T. & Etta C.
18.	Dorothy Ellen Densmore.	Willie A. & Cora S.
May 12.	Olive May Densmore.	George T. & Emily.
25.	. . . Clark.	Henry & Josie M.
Oct. 1.	Homer Delb't Kingsbury	Herbert J. & Eva W.

Marriages.

1898.

Mar. 22. Almon I. Dexter, of Chelsea, to Cora A. Maguire, of Corinth.

Apr. 10. Martin R. Bohonon, of Chelsea, to Nora M. Dow, of Washington.

11. George W. Davis, of Chelsea, to Annie A. Hood, of Chelsea.

23. William Robbins, of Chelsea, to Lucy P. Allen, of Chelsea.

Aug. 13. Clarence H. Corliss, of Chelsea, to Mary E. Burnham, of Chelsea.

31. John C. Lougee, of Chelsea, to Susan E. Parsons, of Middlesex.

Oct. 10. James Haskins, Jr., of Chelsea, to Lillian M. Rich, of Chelsea.

Nov. 30. Bennie F. Moulton, of Chelsea, to Annie B. Camp, of Randolph.

Dec. 7. Charles F. Button, of Chelsea, to Grace H. Colby, of Chelsea.

Deaths.

1898.	Name.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Feb. 12.	Matilda E. Spear.	43	8	6
16.	Azro Hood.	78		
21.	Converse Bixby.	81	7	16
Mar. 8.	Julia Etta (Edwards) Goodwin	32		
12.	Diana Morrill.	75		
31.	Lovina (Young) Andrus.	73	4	16
April 18.	Celesta Scribner Crafts.	68	3	1
May 30.	Minervia Akerman.	72	11	14
June 9.	Daniel Goodell.	82	10	
July 4.	Job M. Slack.	70	10	4
17.	Mary Jane (Hunt) Scales.	76	7	
Aug. 10.	Warren L. Hook.	16		
Oct. 1.	Nancy A. Bowles.	38	5	28
11.	Annie Rose Smith.	21	6	12
Nov. 2.	Joanna Taylor.	95	1	10
24.	C. C. W. Larkin.	76	7	17
Dec. 7.	Weltha Grace Harwood.	1	2	
14.	Alonzo Noyes.	68		
27.	Carrie Labarron.	67	6	28

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TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the town of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, in Chelsea, on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, A.D. 1900, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to act upon the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator.
2. To choose a town clerk.
3. To hear and act upon reports of the several town officers.
4. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
5. To raise money to pay the indebtedness of the town and to defray the expenses for the year ensuing.
6. To see if the town will vote to put its tax-bills in the hands of the town treasurer for collection, in accordance with the law relating thereto.
7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the support of the public library.
8. To see if the town will vote a sum of money to pay for the electric street lights.
9. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the town liquor agency for the year 1900.
10. To see if the town will vote to turn the Jail brook, commencing in the middle of the stream between the Bacon & Hall block and the store building of E. O. Tracy, and running across the street near the north end of the railing on the sidewalk in front of the Tracy store, and running from this point across the land owned by Miss Sarah Gustin to a point in the brook near the northwest corner of Orcutt Bixby's shed building, with an iron bridge across the brook north of the wooden bridge now in use.
11. To see if the town will vote a sum of $30 for Camp No. 28 to assist in the observance of Memorial Day, 1900.
12. To see if the town will vote to accept money in trust, the income of which to be used in the care of lots in its cemeteries, and upon what conditions.
13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate 55 cents on a dollar of the grand list for the maintenance of schools for the year ensuing; also to vote an additional sum to apply on the school indebtedness of the town.
14. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a perior of ten years any manufacturing, mining or quarrying industry hereafter established, as provided by statute.
15. To transact any other proper business.

C. P. DICKINSON,
C. W. GOODWIN,
H. F. MATTOON.
} Selectmen of Chelsea.

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Road Commissioner's Report.

BREAKING ROADS.

160	J C Durkee,	labor	$7 00
161	Charles Lyon,	"	2 50
162	John Royce,	"	4 10
163	Fred A Grant,	"	1 74
164	Carlton Slack,	"	8 50
165	D A Beckwith,	"	8 90
166	Fred Hayward,	"	2 51
167	Leroy Goodell,	"	13 37
168	Henry Clark,	"	6 00
169	J C Davis,		2 75
170	John A Edwards,		1 15
171	G W Taplin		4 94
172	C P Dickinson, for Will O Morrill,		3 25
173	B A Goodrich,		3 50
174	C L Buzzell,		26 00
176	Frank E Larkin,		3 74
177	Truman H Spear,		18 12
178	R A Lyon,		7 62
179	S L Rich,		4 79
180	H S Annis,		13 50
182	Peter Perizo,		3 94
183	A H Denison,		12 00
184	F R Laird,		23 00
186	George Roberts,		10 05
187	Richard Kennedy,		7 36
188	Herbert Judd,		1 50
189	Homer Alger,		3 50
190	W M Mattoon,		58 34

Town Officers for the Year 1899–1900.

Moderator,	C. S. EMERY
Clerk,	W. P. TOWNSEND
Selectmen,	C. P. DICKINSON C. W. GOODWIN H. F. MATTOON
Treasurer,	W. P. TOWNSEND
Overseer of Poor,	C. P. DICKINSON
First Constable,	CHARLES E. GODFREY
Road Commissioner,	W. M. MATTOON
Listers,	M. O. GATES W. A. HOOD GEO. M. MEDCALF
Auditors,	E. A. CORWIN J. M. COMSTOCK W. S. HATCH
Trustee Public Money,	W. P. TOWNSEND
School Directors,	AZARIAH BARNES P. J. LITTLE E. A. CORWIN
Town Superintendent,	REV. W. E. ALLEN
Clerk,	J. M. COMSTOCK
Trustees Public Library,	One year, J. B. BACON Two years, G. L. STOW, Three years, M. H. CORWIN Four years, J. M. COMSTOCK Five years, H. L. BIXBY
Town Grand Jurors,	A. H. POWERS F. W. LEWIS, G. L. STOW
Fence Viewers,	SELECTMEN
Pound Keeper,	WILLIS SCALES
Inspector of Leather,	IRA THOMPSON
Inspector of Lumber and Shingles,	FRANK T. BECKWITH
Town Agent,	C. S. EMERY

191	Joseph McConnell,	$17 39
192	C O Slack,	2 00
193	Lewis J Gray,	3 25
194	Edwin E Stone,	10 37
197	E Grosvenor,	3 90
199	Fillmore Edwards,	6 69
201	J B Cosgrove,	5 90
204	Horace Moxley,	23 50
206	Portis J Emery,	3 56
207	John A Track,	7 32
210	Arthur Slack,	1 88
215	F M Perkins,	2 18
218	C M Beckwith,	6 24
217	G F Reed,	5 00
230	Will E Bacon,	16 22
234	W L Carpenter,	6 25
235	C C Scales,	6 00
237	Sarah E Wills,	1 50
238	George B Colby,	3 87
239	E N Bacon,	8 50
240	L A Burbank,	4 25
242	Benson Sanborn,	4 00
243	M O Gates,	5 63
244	George Dickerman,	3 87
245	W F Dewey,	8 24
147	J M Grant,	12 12
254	A L Sprague,	15 12
255	J D Ballou,	8 62
256	David Dickerman,	7 87
271	E G Thorn,	4 60
284	A Barnes,	3 41
296	F C Waldo	3 00
298	E O Mattoon,	14 77
299	Wesley Bugbee,	7 78
304	M A Carpenter,	1 95
		$510 44

REPAIRING ROADS.

181	W D Hook, timber for sluice,	$ 50
185	E G Reed, labor,	8 54
195	E G Reed,	10 95
196	C F Doyle,	11 70
198	Rufus Murdock,	3 00
200	W M Mattoon, with team,	34 30
202	W H Luce,	10 50
203	C F Doyle,	12 00
205	E G Reed,	12 00
208	C M Hunt,	3 97
209	W H Luce,	4 75
211	E G Reed,	4 50
212	C F Doyle,	7 50
213	W M Mattoon, with team,	54 50
214	Truman H Spear,	7 25
216	E G Reed,	7 50
217	C F Doyle,	7 50
220	G W Taplin,	1 25
221	O H Royce,	1 50
222	W H Luce, labor,	13 65
223	E G Reed,	8 85
224	C F Doyle,	8 85
225	W H Luce,	10 50
226	E G Reed,	9 00
227	C F Doyle,	9 00
228	E M Smith,	6 23
229	John Royce,	1 00
231	C F Doyle,	8 24
232	E G Reed,	8 25
233	C P Abbott,	2 50
236	W H Luce,	8 75
241	A H George,	4 95
246	W M Mattoon, with team,	124 90
248	C F Doyle,	5 00
249	E G Reed,	5 75

250	W M Mattoon, with team,	$27 50
251	C F Doyle,	4 50
252	E G Reed,	4 50
253	W H Luce,	7 11
257	George Fulsom,	2 00
258	H W Garvin,	75
259	W M Mattoon, with team,	11 00
260	E G Reed,	7 70
261	Joseph Lombard, logs,	1 50
267	E G Reed,	7 50
273	Carlton Slack,	6 00
279	Milo Sanborn,	3 00
300	W M Mattoon, with team,	34 30
301	C F Doyle,	1 25
303	W F Dewey,	5 85
305	A S Camp,	2 90
306	S L Rich,	83
308	W M Mattoon, labor, and money paid out,	8 40
		$568 30

STATE TAX.

262	Arthur Slack,	$1 50
263	F M Perkins,	8 20
264	Everett Ballou, with team,	7 50
265	W M Mattoon, with team,	102 60
266	F E Bixby, with team,	21 00
268	W H Luce,	19 00
269	W H Luce,	20 25
270	W M Mattoon, with team,	77 00
272	Carlton Slack, with team,	7 50
274	C W Lyon,	1 50
274	C F Doyle,	26 00
276	C F Doyle,	22 00
277	E M Smith,	4 80
278	Milo Sanborn,	6 30
280	M O Coburn,	2 00
281	Check to Smith, Whitcomb & Cook, grates,	9 45

282	E O Tracy, wire, etc.,	$9 70
283	W A Densmore, with team,	5 70
285	A I Dexter, with team,	7 50
286	Rufus Murdock,	75
287	Clarence Corliss,	3 00
288	Henry Bryant,	75
289	Henry Magoon,	1 00
290	E G Reed,	28 62
291	E G Reed,	25 00
292	Check to G H Manchester, tile,	10 08
293	Check to H K Foster, tile and cement,	3 60
294	C W Bacon, with team,	4 95
295	C A Densmore, dirt,	4 00
296	P L Sargent,	1 50
302	W M Mattoon, with team,	24 00
307	W M Mattoon, labor, and money paid out,	11 35
		$478 10

Total expense of highways,	$1557 85
Expense of iron bridge,	538 21
Expense of all other bridges,	141 35
Expense of sidewalks,	9 00
Total ex. high'ys, bridges and sidewalks,	$2246 41

Cemetery Report.

HIGHLAND CEMETERY.

Amount of fund, Feb. 11, 1899,	$937 24	
Interest due Feb. 11, 1900,	37 49	
		$974 73
Cash from Edson Allen, lot 218,	$12 00	
Leroy Sleeper, lot 219,	12 00	
E J Pitkin, care of lot,	1 00	
Grow fund,	7 50	
S B Hibbard fund,	2 29	
		$34 79
Due for lots sold and unpaid:		
Geo B Langmaid, ¼ lot,	$3 50	
Henry Clark,	12 00	
E L Harwood,	12 00	
E H Kennedy,	12 00	
Leroy Goodell,	12 00	
P L Sargent,	12 00	
		$63 50
		$1073 02
Paid Geo Fuller, labor,	$17 53	
Carlton Slack, labor,	5 00	
N S Bixby, labor,	3 50	
		$25 83
		$1047 19

CEMETERY NEAR WEST HILL MEETING HOUSE.

Due from John Edwards,	$5 00	
Geo Colby,	5 00	
		$10 00

WEST HILL CEMETERY NEAR M C ALLEN'S.

Paid M A Carpenter,	$6 70

Report of Town Hall

Received for rent,	$79 50	
Wood and coal on hand,	15 00	
		$94 50
Paid Geo Hatch, care of hall,	$29 05	
for wood,	17 00	
for electric lights,	37 50	
for repairs,	2 50	
B H Adams, Jr.,	2 00	
		88 05
		$6 45

Division of Parsonage Money

Paid Methodist Society,	$19 50
Methodis Society, West Hill,	19 50
Congregational Society,	19 50
	$58 50

Public Library

Paid J M Comstock,	$50 00

Town Clerk's Report

DOG LICENSES, 1899.

92 dogs licensed, at $1,	$92 00	
1 " at 2,	2 00	
5 " at 4,	20 00	
		$104 00
Fees retained on 98 licenses issued,		$9 80
Cash paid into town treasury,		$104 20

W. P. TOWNSEND, Town Clerk.

Damage to Sheep by Dogs

Mrs Amelia Fitts,	$3 00
Geo Fulsom,	2 50
A Q Underhill,	5 00
C F Baker,	2 00
	$12 50

Liquor Agency

Liquor on hand, Feb. 1, 1900,	$188 23	
Cash received for sale of liquor,	1489 17	
		$1677 40
Liquor on hand, Feb. 1, 1899,	$115 64	
Paid for liquors,	1112 96	
Paid for freight,	32 04	
Paid for record-book,	2 30	
Insurance on liquor,	5 00	
U. S. license,	25 00	
Agent's salary,	100 00	
		1392 94
Net profit,		$284 46

ERNEST A. CORWIN,
JOHN M. COMSTOCK, } Auditors.
WILLARD S. HATCH,

Report of Town Farm

Appraisal of Stock, Tools, Provisions, etc., February 1, 1900.

1 yearling heifer	$18 00	250 lbs gluten	$3 25
2 calves	20 00	phosphate	50
13 cows	400 00	3 bbls feed	2 00
1 nine yrs old mare	65 00	6 bush india wheat	2 40
1 eight yrs old mare	75 00	1 draw tub	5 00
7 hogs	35 00	2 holders	3 00
26 hens	7 80	6 milk cans	12 00
13½ tons hay	108 00	1 caldron kettle	2 00
100 bush potatoes	35 00	3 logging chains	2 00
3 bush beans	6 00	2 trace chains	1 00
¼ bush peas	25	2 halters	1 00
150 lbs salt pork	15 00	1 horse blanket	1 50
100 lbs fresh meat	10 80	2 cider barrels	2 00
70 lbs lard	7 00	3 bushel baskets	1 00
7 lbs butter	1 40	1 half-bush basket	25
2 bbls vinegar	8 00	1 half-bush measure	50
pickles	1 50	1 bbl flour	4 50
1½ gals boiled cider	75	35 cords stove wood	87 50
3 lbs tea	1 20	lumber	10 00
3 lbs coffee	60	5 sled tongues	1 00
1 two-horse wagon	20 00	2 ox carts	10 00
1 two-horse sled	30 00	1 wagon	5 00
neck yoke, sp'd ch	2 00	1 ox sled	5 00
2 drag rakes	1 00	2 bob sleds	6 00
2 potato diggers	50	3 harnesses	18 00
1 hay knife	1 00	2 yokes	2 00
4 manure forks	75	3 ladders	3 00
6 hoes	1 00	1 plow	2 00
426 tin sap buckets	42 60	2 harrows	15 00
feed in silo	50 00	1 wheelbarrow	3 00
150 lbs bran	1 58	1 mowing maching	20 00
80 lbs maple sugar	8 00	1 horse rake	15 00
3 sap pans	3 00	1 garden rake	25
2 sap pails	1 00	2 scythes and 2 snaths	1 00
100 bush oats	40 00	1 grindstone	3 00

1½ tons straw	$7 50	3 cant hooks	$3 00
1 stone drag	2 00	4 wedges	50
1 sugaring-off pan	3 00	2 cross-cut saws	1 00
35 lbs salt	35	1 key-hole saw	25
2 spades	1 00	2 wood saws	75
1 manure hook	50	auger, chisel and bits	2 00
4 shovels	1 00	1 steel square	1 00
12 meal bags	1 00	1 shave	50
1 robe	5 00	1 block plane	50
express runners	13 50	1 fore plane	50
1 wringer	2 25	1 jointer	75
1 washing machine	3 50	3 hammers	1 00
gold dust	3 20	1 try square	25
1 fire extinguisher	14 00	div., chis., line, etc.	50
6 axes	2 00	1 force pump	1 00
1 vise	50	2 sprinklers	1 40
1 weeder	7 00	2 monkey wrenches	50
1 cultivator	5 00	2 prs sheep-shears	50
1 wagon	20 00	1 hand rake	10
1 plow	11 00	2 gals kerosene oil	24
1 snow shovel	25	1 evap. and arch	40 00
2 corn knives	25		
			$1429 42

Orders Drawn.

Geo S Worcester, fire extinguisher,	$14 50
S T Farrington, one weeder,	8 00
Leroy Goodell, sawing wood,	11 20
E B Dickinson, one cow,	35 00
C P Dickinson, goods,	35 00
C S Emery, insurance,	5 48
James B Cosgrove, one cow,	25 00
C O Slack, feed,	58 95
C P Dickinson, goods,	25 00
C P Dickinson, phosphate,	27 75
F E Larkin, planting,	3 84
J B Bacon, one cow,	27 50
Wesley Bugbee, four pigs,	10 00
George Fuller, work,	2 50

Leroy Goodell, work,	$4 20
C P Dickinson, goods,	25 00
John McCollom, work,	1 00
Scott W George, work,	11 00
E L Larkin, filling silo,	10 50
A H George, work,	2 25
Geo Dunbar, work,	1 25
J A R Corwin, goods,	10 95
Ordway, Holmes & Co.,	19 78
L C & F Beckwith, sawing and grinding,	5 92
C P Dickinson, feed,	116 88
Geo L Hayward, threshing,	5 18
H W Dearborn, goods,	1 25
Mrs E F Peters, goods,	1 25
H W Dearborn, cas. & robe for Mrs Rolfe,	15 50
E H Kennedy, work,	1 50
C S Emery, insurance,	5 48
H W Dearbord, cas. & robe for S Avery,	15 50
W P Townsend, town farm tax,	18 20
E G Reed, labor,	40 00
H W Dearborn, cas. & robe for S Little,	16 50
Rev A J Eastman, services,	2 00
Wesley Bugbee, four pigs,	6 00
Ordway, Holmes & Co., goods,	24 16
C P Dickinson, goods,	35 00
W H Hill, labor,	3 35
C M Beckwith,	5 50
A N George, labor,	2 00
E O Tracy, goods,	40 93
A R Hood & Son, goods,	20 18
Mrs F E Hood, goods,	3 45
J A R Corwin & Son, goods,	66 89
Townsend & Whitney, sleigh runners,	13 50
Ordway, Holmes & Co., goods,	5 58
H O Bixby, C. Herald and B. Journal,	1 50
E A Noyes, liquor,	12 61

Timothy Sullivan, labor,	$3 78	
A H Powers, feed,	64 18	
Geo L Hayward, sawing wood,	8 50	
Selectmen, parsonage right tax,	12 04	
B F Moulton, money paid out,	25 96	
A H Powers, feed,	8 20	
B F Moulton, salary,	250 00	
N S Bixby, digging graves,	5 00	
C P Dickinson, money paid out,	6 40	
F E Bixby, goods,	14 95	
Mrs R W Allen,	3 91	
E D Abbott, labor,	2 05	
		$1266 43

PRODUCE SOLD FROM TOWN FARM.

Butter,	$381 39	
S T Farrington, board of son,	4 00	
Keeping horse,	1 00	
C P Dickinson, 3 bush potatoes,	1 40	
Potatoes,	18 78	
John A Blakely, one pig,	5 00	
N G Moore, three pigs,	15 00	
Five calves,	37 35	
R W Allen, two hogs,	25 32	
B F Moulton, chickens,	1 50	
J A R Corwin & Son, sugar,	10 90	
Mrs R W Allen, two hogs,	21 98	
F E Bixby, beef and calves,	81 74	
		$605 36

POOR AWAY FROM TOWN FARM.

Mrs Sarah Garvin,	
Paid Mrs S M Mattoon, rent,	$25 00
Cassendana Stodnard,	
Paid J D Ballou, board,	52 00

Thomas Beedle,		
Paid H W Dearborn, casket and robe,	$23 00	
Henry B Lyford,		
Paid C P Dickinson, goods,	20 60	
Paid Ordway, Holmes & Co.,	2 60	
W D Hook,		
Paid C P Dickinson, goods,	3 10	
C H Perkins,		
Paid H S Annis, board,	68 15	
Paid S N Goss, medical attendance,	20 00	
Mary J Dunbar,		
Paid C E Godfrey, taxes,	11 85	
Taamps,		
Paid E D Barnes, board,	2 25	
Abbott children,		
Paid Laura D Stow, transportation,	6 97	
		$237 52

RENT DUE AWAY FROM TOWN FARM.

A Bradshaw, rent of Avery place,	$10 00	
Ceester Doten, " "	14 00	
		$24 00

STATEMENT OF TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

To stock on hand, 1899,	$1312 89	
interest on surplus money,	88 32	
cash paid as per this report,	1266 43	
Due B F Moulton, April 1, 1900,	50 00	
		$2717 64
CR.		
By stock on hand,	$1429 42	
cash received and produce,	605 36	
due and unpaid,	24 00	
		$2058 78
Expense,		$658 86

Recapitulation of the Cost of Support of Poor.

Total cost of Town Farm,	$658 86	
Total cost of poor away from Farm,	237 52	
		$896 38

Report of Erastus Bugbee Property.

Cash in overseer's hands,	$193 71	
interest,	11 62	
received of J B Bacon, for hay,	25 00	
" Homer Alger,	250 00	
		$480 33
Cash paid Dr A A Smith, rent,	$11 00	
Chas W Lyon, fixing fence,	1 50	
J K Darling, mortgage,	133 32	
W P Townsend, taxes,	4 45	
		150 27
Cash in overseer's hands,		$330 06
Due from town for stock and tools taken to Town Farm,		89 00
		$419 06

Orders Drawn by Overseer

Geo S Worcester, one fire extinguisher,	$14 50
S T Farrington, weeder,	8 00
Leroy Goodell, sawing wood,	11 20
E B Dickinson, one cow,	35 00
C P Dickinson, goods as per bill,	35 00
C S Emery, insurance on Town Farm buildings,	5 48
H S Annis, part payment for C H Perkins' board,	15 00
James B Cosgrove, difference in cows,	25 00
C O Slack & Son, feed,	20 50
C P Dickinson, goods as per bill,	25 00
C P Dickinson, phosphate,	27 75
B F Moulton, part payment of salary,	25 00
C O Slack, feed,	12 55
C P Dickinson, goods as per bill,	25 00
Frank E Larkin, planting corn,	3 84
C O Slack, feed,	3 20
B F Moulton, part payment of salary,	25 00
C O Slack, feed,	14 75
J B Bacon, one cow,	27 50
J D Ballou, board of Miss Stoddard,	23 50
H S Annis, part payment of C H Perkins' board,	25 00
C O Slack & Son, feed,	7 95
Wesley Bugbee, four pigs,	10 00
S M Mattoon, rent for Mrs Garvin,	10 00
Geo Fuller, work at farm,	2 50
Leroy Goodell, work at farm,	4 20
John McCollom, work at farm,	1 00
Scott George, work with team,	11 00
E L Larkin, filling silo,	10 50
A H George, work at farm,	2 25
Geo Dunbar, work at farm,	1 25
J A R Corwin, goods as per bill,	10 95
Ordway, Holmes & Co, goods as per bill,	19 78
B F Moulton, part payment of salary,	75 00
J D Ballou, board of Miss Stoddard,	8 70
C P Dickinson, feed,	38 85
L C & F T Beckwith, lumber and grinding,	5 92
G L Hayward, threshing,	5 18
B F Moulton, part payment of salary,	25 00

H W Dearborn, goods as per bill,	$1 25
Mrs E F Peters, material and labor,	1 25
B F Moulton, part payment of salary,	25 00
C P Dickinson, feed,	21 05
H W Dearborn, casket anp robe for Mrs Rolfe,	15 50
H S Annis, part payment of C H Perkins' board,	15 00
E H Kennedy, work and repairs,	1 50
C S Emery, insurance on town farm,	5 48
H W Dearborn, casket and robe for Stevens Avery,	15 50
W P Townsend, Treasurer, taxes,	22 65
E G Reed, labor on town farm,	40 00
H W Dearborn, casket and robe for Seta Little,	16 50
A J Eastman, attendance at Mrs Rolfe's funeral,	2 00
B F Moulton, part payment of salary,	25 00
Wesley Bugbee, four pigs,	6 00
C P Dickinson, feed,	25 50
Ordway, Holmes & Co., goods as per bill,	24 16
S M Mattoon, rent for Mrs Garvin,	10 00
C P Dickinson, goods as per bill,	35 00
C P Dickinson, feed furnished Henry Lyford,	18 00
J D Ballou, board of Miss Stoddard,	12 00
A B Smith, rent for Mrs E Bugbee,	11 00
W H Hill, work as per bill,	3 35
C M Beckwith, service of bull,	5 50
A H Powers, goods as per bill,	54 43
A N George, work at farm,	2 00
E O Tracy, goods as per bill,	40 93
A R Hood & Son, goods as per bill,	20 18
Mrs F F Hood, goods as per bill,	3 45
J D Ballou, board of Miss Stoddard,	8 30
J A R Corwin & Son, goods as per bill,	66 89
Charles Lyon, labor on Bugbee farm,	1 50
S M Mattoon, rent for Mrs Garvin,	5 00
Townsend & Whitney, one set sleigh runners,	13 50
S N Goss, services,	20 00
C E Godfrey, Mary Dunbar's taxes, 1897–8–9,	11 85
Ordway, Holmes & Co., goods as per bill,	5 58
H O Bixby, Herald and Journal,	1 50
E A Noyes, liquor,	12 61
B F Moulton, money paid out,	25 96
B F Moulton, part payment of salary,	75 00
E D Barnes, keeping tramps,	2 25
Timothy Sullivan, work as per bill,	3 78

C P Dickinson, goods as per bill,	$37 13
H S Annis, board of C H Perkins to Feb. 20, 1900	13 15
W P Townsend, Treas., interest on surplus money,	88 32
A H Powers, feed,	9 75
G L Hayward, sawing wood,	8 50
H W Dearborn, casket and robe for Thos Beedle,	25 00
Selectmen, parsonage right tax,	12 04
A H Powers,	8 20
N S Bixby, digging graves,	5 00
C P Dickinson, money paid out,	13 37
F E Bixby, goods,	14 95
Mrs R W Allen,	3 91
E D Abbott, labor,	2 05

C. P. DICKINSON, Overseer.

Report of Trustees of Chelsea Public Library and Alden Speare Memorial Library Building.

During the year past its usual patronage has been accorded the library. New books were purchased with the appropriation of last town meeting, and the interest in reading has been well maintained. Among the year's donations was a large consignment of well-selected volumes from the private library of Rev. S. L. B. Speare, of Newton, Mass., the brother of our library's honored founder, Hon. Alden Speare. Besides several interesting books some time ago presented from their own library, the local W. C. T. U. has recently given an instructive biography, entitled "The Life of Frances E. Willard." Our former townsman, Harry J. Corwin, now of Lowell, Mass., has

contributed for binding the latest numbers of Harper's Monthly Magazine, according to his custom of many recent years. By the thoughtful insistence of Col. Curtis S. Emery upon our rights as a "free public library," we have received a copy of the valuable "Bibliography of Vermont," prepared by the late Marcus D. Gilman, of Montpelier.

Besides various public documents contributed by United States Senator Jonathan Ross, the library has received, in the order of their publication, eight successive volumes of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion, furnished by the courtesy of Hon. H. Henry Powers, Representative in Congress from the First Vermont District; and by the courtesy of Hon. William W. Grout, Representative from the Second District, the library is now furnished, in weekly numbers, the Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, containing Patents, Trade-marks, Designs and Labels.

Below is appended a

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation voted by the town, March 7, 1899.	$50 00
Received from subscriptions,	45
sale of catalogues,	60
fines paid,	5 60
	$56 65

EXPENSES.

Bal. due treas., Feb. 4, '99, as per last rep.,	$1 55	
Ex. on books given by Rev. S. L. B. Speare,	1 85	
Paid for wood, and moving and piling same,	5 50	
new books bought for library,	30 66	
freight on same,	82	
rebinding old books,	9 62	
		50 00
Bal. in hands of trustees, Feb. 1900,		$6 65

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. BACON,
HIRA L. BIXBY,
GEO. L. STOW,
M. H. CORWIN,
J. M. COMSTOCK,
} Trustees.

Report of School Directors.

We have maintained ten legal schools the past year. As there were more pupils from the town of Washington than from this town attending school in No. 15 or the Braman district, we made an arrangement with the Washington school directors to maintain a school in that district, and we paid to them our proportion of cost of said school.

The total cost of schools the past year is $3584.07.

We found that there was more than seventy pupils to attend school in the primary room of No. 2, and that there was no way in which we could arrange for more than ten of them to be accommodated anywhere else. As we considered the number that would be left in that school more

than one teacher could do justice to, we considered it absolutely necessary that we finish off another room in that building and divide the school. This accounts for the increased cost of schools the past year.

Aside from the cost of repairing and finishing school house No. 2, the cost of schools the past year is the least of any year since the town system was adopted.

Following is a list in derail of our receipts and expenses :

MONEY RECEIVED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Town school tax of 60 cents	$2552 93
Interest on U. S. deposit money	148 54
Huntington fund	46 87
Rent of school land	31 50
Grammar school fund	57 28
Five per cent. state school tax	403 70
Academy tuition	114 50
Tuition from other towns	4 75
School books sold	3 67
Wood sold	5 00
	$3368 74

MONEY PAID OUT FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Chelsea Academy and Village School.		
J M Comstock, teaching 32 weeks	$750 00	
Lena E Spalding, teaching 32 weeks	274 50	
Lavinia L Farnham, teaching 28 weeks	226 50	
Anna R Howe, teaching 28 weeks	235 50	
Care and cleaning	35 65	
Wood	37 32	
Report cards	2 85	$1562.32
No. 5.—Eunice D Moulton, teaching 9 weeks	$45 00	
Sarah E. Hemenway, teaching 11 weeks	57 75	
Nellie D Burbank, teaching 8 weeks	45 00	
Wood	7 00	
Care and cleaning	1 50	$156 25

No. 7.—Hattie H Dearborn, teaching 28 weeks	$144 50		
Care and cleaning	4 75		
Wood	8 75	—$158 00	
No. 8.—W A Barnes, teaching 19 weeks	$114 00		
Sarah Hemenway, teaching 9 weeks	54 00		
Wood	8 50		
Care and cleaning	1 75	—$178 25	
No. 11.—Martha L Noyes, teaching 28 weeks	$157 50		
Wood	7 00		
Care and cleaning	2 00	—$166 50	
No. 12.—Nellie D Barnes, teaching 19 weeks	$95 00		
W A Barnes, teaching 3 weeks	16 50		
Grace G Bacon, teaching 6 weeks	36 00		
Wood	10 50		
Care and cleaning	1 50	—$159 50	
No. 15.—Paid Washington our proportion of cost.			$44 49
No. 17.—Clara J Laird, teaching 28 weeks	$186 50		
Care and cleaning	7 00	—$193 50	
Miscellaneous.			
Tuition of pupils in Vershire last year	$11 75		
Insurance	22 80		
Transportation	248 50		
School-books and supplies	115 66		
Repairs on school-house, No. 7	$13 40		
" " " 15	50		
" " " 11	4 55		
Repairs and fur. for school-house No. 2	537 01		
Sundries	11 09	—$965 26	
Total cost of schools			$3584 07

ERNEST A. CORWIN,
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PHILIP J. LITTLE,
} School Directors.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 14, 1900.

To the Selectmen of Chelsea:

Agreeably to section 674 of the Vermont Statutes, we recommend that the town appropriate 55 cents on a dollar of the grand list for the maintenance of schools the next year, and also recommend that the town appropriate an additional sum to apply on the school indebtedness of the town.

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Orders Drawn by School Directors

321	F R Fitts, tuition of Chelsea scholars in Vershire	$11 75
322	E G Reed, transportation of scholars	9 50
323	C E Davis, 10 cords wood for school house No. 2	35 00
324	Archie George, care school house No. 7	1 50
325	John M Comstock, cash paid for report cards	2 85
326	John M Comstock, cash paid for school books	8 19
327	Fred W Smith, 2 cords wood for No. 5	7 00
328	S L Rich, drawing shingles from Randolph, and shingling school house No. 7	5 50
329	G W Taplin, work on school house No. 15	50
330	Emma M Hood, cleaning school houses Nos. 7 & 8	3 50
331	C M Hunt, cleaning school house No. 5	1 50
332	Wesley M Davis, care of High sch. building spr'g term,	4 50
333	John M Comstock, teaching spring term High School 10 weeks	234 38
334	Lena E Spaulding, teaching spring term High School 10 weeks	87 50
335	J A R Corwin & Son, 50 lbs. manilla paper, 200 tablets, 10 gross pens, 7 gross pencils and 12 pints of ink,	28 30
336	J A R Corwin & Son, 1 gross composition book, ⅓ gross note books, 2 gross pen holders	7 70
337	Mrs Milo Sanborn, cleaning school house No. 17	2 00
338	Mrs A Barnes, cleaning school house No. 12	1 50
339	C H Taft, Jr., shingles for No. 7	7 00
240	A S Camp, cleaning and repairing school house No. 11,	2 50
341	E A George, 2½ cords wood for No. 7	8 75
342	C L Buzzell, 2 cords wood for No. 11	7 00
343	Marshall Carpenter, wood for No. 8	8 50
344	Martha L Noyes, teaching sum. term 8 w. in No. 11	40 00
345	Lavinia L Farnham, teaching 8 weeks in No. 2	64 00
346	Nellie D Barnes, teaching 9 weeks in No. 12	45 00
347	W A Barnes, teaching 9 weeks in No. 8	54 00
348	Anne R Howe, teaching 8 weeks in No. 2	68 00
349	Geo M Davis, care of school house No. 2	3 50
350	Hattie H Dearborn, teaching 9 weeks in No. 7	45 00
351	Archie F Sanborn, care of school house No. 17, sum. t.	1 00
352	Eunice D Moulton, teaching 9 weeks in No. 5	45 00
353	Ezra W Hood, trans. of sch. from No. 3, sp. & sum. t.	42 50
354	Rufus Murdock, moving wood in No. 2	1 05

355	Clara J Laird, teaching 9 weeks in No. 17	$58 50
356	Geo F D French, 8¼ hours lubor piling wood in No. 2	1 27
357	Mrs Henry Lyford, transportation of scholars	12 00
358	Rufus Murdock, work plastering in school house No. 2,	1 00
359	H W Dearborn, finishing new room in school house No. 2, and shingling school house	312 50
360	J A R Corwin & Son, check sent American School Furniture Co., desks for No. 2, and freight on same	72 26
361	H W Dearborn, work and sup. for school house No. 2	95 77
362	Emma M Hood, cleaning school house No. 2	9 00
363	J M Comstock, amount paid for school books and exp.,	38 81
364	Fred E Goodwin, work on roof of school house No. 2	3 00
365	Azariah Barnes, 3 cords wood for No. 12	10 50
366	C P Dickinson, sundries furnished schools	2 51
367	J A R Corwin & Son, check sent Grand Rapids Furniture Co. for desks, and freight on same	17 80
368	P J Little, drawing dirt for grading school house N4. 2.	1 55
369	J A R Corwin & Sons, paper for schools	3 87
370	Nellie D Barnes, teaching 10 weeks in No. 12	50 00
371	Lavinia L Farnham, " 10 " " 2	80 00
372	Anne R Howe, " 10 " " 2	85 00
373	W A Barnes, " 10 " " 8	60 00
374	H H Jones, transportation of scholars, fall term	12 50
375	G S Shattuck, repairing fence, school house No. 9	1 00
376	Martha L Noyes, teaching 10 weeks in No. 11	57 50
378	Hattie H Dearborn, " 10 " " 7	50 00
379	Sarah E Hemenway, " 11 " " 5	57 75
380	Clara J. Laird, " 10 " " 17	65 00
381	Mrs Henry Lyford, transportation of scholars, fall t.,	15 00
382	Lena E Spalding, teaching 12 weeks in High school	102 00
383	John M Comstock, " 12 " "	281 25
384	Wesley M Davis, care of school house No. 2, fall term	8 00
385	C S Emery, insurance on school property	22 80
386	C N Dearborn, making wheel for bell	3 00
387	P J Little, cleaning and repairing school house No. 11,	4 05
388	Wilford Barnes, teaching 3 weeks in No. 12	16 50
389	Ordway, Holmes & Co., 73 boxes chalk	5 11
390	Chas F Button, repairs on school house No. 7	90
391	H F Mattoon, transportation	16 00
392	J A R Corwin & Son, paper, pencils, pens and tablets	21 18
393	E O Tracy, goods furnished schools as per bill	25 83
394	Nellie D Burbank, teaching 8 weeks in No. 5	45 00
395	Archie F Sanborn, care of school house No. 17	4 00

396	Hattie H Dearborn, teaching 9 weeks in No. 7	$49	50
397	J A R Corwin & Son, check to M W Chamberlain, to pay Chelsea's proportion of cost of sch. in Braman dist.	44	49
398	Mrs Henry Lyford, transportation of scholars	13	50
399	Archie E George, care of school house No. 7	1	50
400	Wesley M Davis, care of school house No. 2	10	65
401	Horace H Jones, transportation of scholars	12	50
402	John M Comstock, teaching 10 weeks in High school,	234	37
403	Grace G Bacon, " 6 " No. 12	36	00
404	Lavinia L Farnham, " 10 " 2	82	50
405	Anne R Howe, " 10 " 2	82	50
406	Lena E Spalding, " 10 " in High school,	85	00
407	Ezra W Hood, tranportation of scholars from No. 3	55	00
408	Martha L Noyes, teaching 10 weeks in No. 11	60	00
409	Alonzo F Morey, transportation of scholars from No. 10, summer, fall and winter terms	60	00
410	Sarah E Hemenway, teaching 9 weeks in No. 8	54	00
411	Clara J Laird, teaching 9 weeks in No. 17	63	00
412	J A R Corwin & Son, acc't for goods furnished	14	38
		$3584	07

Orders Drawn by Selectmen

A Q Underhill, damage to sheep by dogs	$5 00
C P Dickinson, check to J S Benham, alcohol	119 63
H W Spear. 1083 ft plank	10 83
S T Farrington, balance of salary	27 08
Martha J Landon, interest on order No. 132	5 87
L H Bohonon, damage to field	2 50
A F Morey, 425 ft plank	4 25
Alvah Carpeuter, services as lister	42 50
B H Adams, Jr., services as lister	35 00
W S Hatch, services as auditor	5 00
J A R Corwin, services as auditor	5 00
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co., liquor	106 17
Mrs W E Allen, services as town superintendent	36 00
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall	6 50
C P Dickinson, services as selectman and overseer	100 00
W P Townsend, services as town clerk and treasurer	28 50
E A Corwin, services as school director	10 00
C P Dickinson, check to Ned J Roberts	51 25
H N Mattison, interest on order No. 280	2 26
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on orders Nos. 264–5–6–7,	40 00
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co.,	32 89
H W Dearborn, interest money due M. E. Church	19 50
Scott George, 2446 ft plank	24 46
Chelsea E. L. & P. Co., lights in town hall	12 50
Joseph Landon, care of town clock	6 00
W H Emery, trustee, money hired at 4 per ct	348 86
H N Mattison, interest on order No. 356	10 00
Laura R Fuller, interest on orders Nos. 21, 37, 39, 216	19 40
H T Walker, ministerial money due M. E. Ch., W. Hill	19 50
C S Emery, services as town agent and auditor	10 00
Abbie Sleeper, damage to mowing	1 25
C M Hunt, money hired at 4 per cent	25 00
D T McAllister, work on bridge	1 55
A L Sprague, services as lister	38 25
E E Densmore, breaking sidewalk	5 00
Frank W Button, money hired at 4 per cent	950 00
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on orders Nos. 357–8–9	30 00
Chelsea E. L. & P. Co., srreet lights and town hall	52 50
Ben Goodrich, work on bridge	8 38

Geo E Hatch, care of hall	$10 00
Rufus Murdock, labor	9 28
G W Cleveland, work on bridge	24 00
Geo Fuller, labor	26 78
Henry Clark, drawing stone	25 50
C P Dickinson, check to J S Benham	122 19
W P Townsend, notices and printing	6 25
E H Kennedy, labor on bridge	1 95
John McCollom, labor	6 83
M A Carpenter, work on cemetery	6 70
J M Comstock, making town tax	6 00
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on orders Nos. 264–5–6–7,	40 00
F H Folsom, labor on bridge	1 50
C M Davis, labor	3 25
Joseph Landon, care of clock	6 00
G W Cleveland, work on bridge	8 00
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on order No. 356	10 00
Geo Fuller, work on bridges	7 15
F J Titus, work with team	6 00
C M Hunt, interest on order No. 269	90
Everett Ballou, 887 ft plank	8 87
W P Townsend, treasurer, state tax	425 17
E N Bacon, stone for bridge	5 00
J M Comstock, appropriation for library	50 00
Geo Fuller, labor	6 60
Geo E Hatch, care of hall and piling wood	7 25
A H Powers, ministerial money due Cong'l church	19 50
C P Dickinson, check to J S Benham	122 56
E G Thorne, 233 ft plank	2 33
O P Bacon, labor	7 10
F C Waldo, repairs on bridge	5 00
H O Bryant, labor	5 50
Everett Ballou, 8 stringers and 1880 ft plank	50 00
E H Kennedy, repairs on road machine	1 25
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on order No. 375	20 00
C M Hall, labor	2 78
C S Emery, insurance of town hall	17 20
H F Mattoon, work with team	34 05
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on orders	99 17
F J Titus, freight	24 33
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on orders Nos. 376–7	32 00
C P Dickinson, check to Groton Bridge & Mfg. Co.	375 00
M O Gates, labor on bridges	21 40

C M Hunt, money borrowed at 4 per cent	$25 00
W E Bacon, labor on bridge	19 50
F C Waldo, 2067 ft plank	20 67
Joseph Landon, care of town clock	6 00
F W Button, interest on order No. 85	3 24
Chelsea E. L. & P. Co., lights for town hall and streets	25 83
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on orders Nos. 49 and 50,	26 40
Horace Moxley, labor	5 25
Amelia Fitts, one sheep killed by dogs	3 00
J B Akerman, wood for town hall	15 00
C P Dickinson, check to M W Wheelock	4 00
J D Ballou, damage to road cart	2 00
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co.	128 25
W H Hill, repairs on hearse	2 50
H W Spear, labor	11 35
M O Coburn, labor	7 90
J M Flint, labor	3 00
E O Tracy, goods	52 90
E O Tracy, goods	7 20
W M Mattoon, labor with team	6 00
Adams & Lewis, driving hearse, etc	42 25
Chas Lyon, labor	2 50
L H Bohonon, damage to mowing	2 50
C P Dickinson, check to W. R. Paper Co.	3 25
C E Godfrey, taxes abated	94 45
C E Godfrey, labor at town hall	6 50
Ordway, Holmes & Co., goods	5 79
E D Barnes, wood for town hall	2 00
Geo E Hatch, care of town hall	5 80
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on orders Nos. 357–8–9	30 00
E G Thorne, 982 ft plank	9 82
E H Kennedy, lumber for Bacon bridge	8 17
H W Dearborn, labor	5 00
Frank W Button, interest on order No. 85	9 54
C P Dickinson, check to Cushing Process Co.	34 00
G C Bowin, 1505 ft plank	15 05
J M Flint, services as selectman	5 00
C P Dickinson, check to Reuben Ring & Co.	61 48
Hyde Cabot, money borrowed at 4 per cent.	400 00
W P Townsend, making returns to state superintendent,	8 79
C P Dickinson, check to Moore & Sinnott	48 60
H W Dearborn, repairs on hearse	3 25
George Fuller, labor	8 40

C P Dickinson, check to E D Hyde	$16 98
H N Mattison, interest on order No. 348	4 22
C P Dickinson, check to A L Weeks, liquor license	25 00
L A Burbank, damage to mowing	5 00
C P Dickinson, freight on road machine	9 60
A E Hopkins, damage to mowing	2 50
John N Sanborn, money hired at 4 per cent	200 00
W P Townsend, treas., state high. and state school tax	437 28
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on order No. 198	81 70
Arthur Denison, 1096 ft plank	10 96
C P Dickinson, check to J S Benham	119 55
Geo F Folsom, one sheep killed by dogs	2 50
H S Annis, 1095 ft plank	10 95
National Bank of Orange Co., money borrowed at 4 per ct.	1000 00
" " " "	1000 00
" " " "	600 00
C O Slack, drawing road machine from South Royalton	3 50
Joseph Landon, care of town clock	6 00
H N Mattison, cashier, interest on orders Nos. 49-50	26 40
Hyde Cabot, money borrowed	100 00
C F Baker, one sheep killed by dogs	2 00
Etta G Allen, money hired at 4 per cent	250 00
C P Dickinson, money paid out as per bill	197 76
J B Bacon, 2500 ft plank	25 00
Geo M Medcalf, services as lister	21 00
M O Gates, services as lister and cash paid out	23 00
C W Goodwin, labor and cash paid out	8 55
Newell S Bixby, labor	6 10
B H Adams, Jr., attendance at town hall	2 00
W P Townsend, treas., interest on U. S. deposit money	60 22
C S Emery, insurance on town hall	19 60
C P Dickinson, check to J B Fuller & Co	24 60
" " Reuben Ring & Co.	80 13
" " Cushing Medical Supply Co.	82 00
" " Moore & Sinnott	109 92
" money paid out	38 04
E A Noyes, freight on liquor and record	34 34
E A Noyes, salary as liquor agent	100 00
State treasurer, excess on liquor profit	135 54
C P Dickinson, phosphate	2 90
Dr S N Goss, services as health officer	5 50
W M Flanders, sign boards	2 50

Outstanding Orders

WITH INTEREST TO FEBRUARY 12, 1900.

1893		No.			
June	3	48	Clara J Laird	$250 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	20 00	$270 00
1894					
June	6	298	Clara J Laird	100 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	8 00	108 00
	9	199	Jane Laird	200 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	44 40	244 40
	5	208	Katie Laird	300 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	67 23	367 23
Sept.	1	246	Ellen K Taplin	100 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	16 00	116 00
	18	265	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	6 67	506 67
	18	266	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	6 68	506 68
	18	267	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	6 67	606 67
Oct.	8	356	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	6 83	506 83
1895					
Feb.	6	357	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	17	500 17
	6	358	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	17	500 17
	6	359	Nat. Bank Orange County,	500 00	
			Interest at 4 per ct	17	500 17
1893					
Jan.	13	49	School District No. 2, order,	555 90	
			Interest at 5 per ct	1 79	557 69
	14	50	School District No. 2, order,	500 00	
			Interest at 5 per ct	1 61	501 61

1895				
Mar. 20	21	Laura R Fuller	$300 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	12 00	$312 00
1896				
April 25	37	Laura R Fuller	50 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	2 00	52 00
May 16	39	Edna N Flanders	70 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	10 00	80 00
1897				
May 1	30	Norman W Hunt	25 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	2 78	
22	39	Laura R Fuller	60 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	2 40	62 40
Feb. 12	182	Jane Laird	100 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	8 00	108 00
May 2	216	Laura R Fuller	100 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	4 00	104 00
July 22	233	W P Townsend, treasurer	35 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	2 15	37 15
30	234	C M Hunt	50 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	3 05	53 05
Oct. 8	250	Cong'l Church Society	200 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	10 00	210 00
1899				
Feb. 11	310	Highland Cemetery	937 24	
		Interest at 4 per ct	37 48	974 72
April 5	338	Cong'l Church	348 86	
		Interest at 4 per ct	11 90	360 76
May 17	357	Hyde Cabot	400 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	11 78	411 78
June 10	368	John N Sanborn	200 00	
		Iuterest at 4 per ct	5 37	205 37
May 27	375	Nat. Bank Orange County,	1000 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	8 33	1008 33
June 14	376	Nat. Bank Orange County,	1000 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	6 41	1006 44
14	377	Nat. Bank Orange County,	600 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	3 87	603 87
29	383	Etta G Allen	250 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	6 19	256 18
Dec. 21	431	C M Hunt	25 00	
		Interest at 4 per ct	14	25 14
				$11,591 73

Selectmen's Orders.

1900					
Feb.	8	463	M O Gates	$23 00	
	12	466	B H Adams, Jr.	2 00	
	14	468	C S Emery	19 60	
	14	469	C P Dickinson	2 60	
	14	470	do,	80 13	
	14	471	do.	82 00	
	14	472	do.	109 92	
	16	476	do.	135 54	
	16	477	do.	2 90	
	17	479	W M Flanders	2 50—	$482 19

Overseer's Order.

1900				
Feb.	9	319	H S Annis	$13 15

School Directors' Orders.

1899					
Dec.	8	388	Wilford Barnes	$16 50	
	18	389	Ordway, Holmes & Co	5 11	
	21	390	Chas F Button	90	
1900					
Jan.	5	391	H F Mattoon	16 00	
	27	392	J A R Corwin & Son	21 18	
	30	393	E O Tracy	25 83	
Feb.	1	394	Nellie D Burbank	45 00	
	3	395	Aroline F Sanborn	4 00	
	3	396	Hattie H Dearborn	49 50	
	5	397	J A R Corwin & Son	44 49	
	7	398	Mrs Henry Lyford	13 50	
	7	399	Archie E George	1 50	
	9	400	Wesley M Davis	10 65	
	10	401	Horace H Jones	12 50	
	10	402	John M Comstock	234 37	
	10	403	Grace G Bacon	36 00	
	10	404	Lavinia L Farnham	82 50	
	10	405	Anne R Howe	82 50	
	10	406	Lena E Spalding	85 00	
	10	407	E W Hood	55 00	
	10	408	Martha L Noyes	60 00	
	12	409	A F Morey	60 00	
	12	410	Sarah Heminway	54 00	
	12	411	Clara J Laird	63 00	
	12	412	J A R Corwin & Son	14 38—	$1093 41

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS.

1898				
Nov.	11	106	G W Cleveland	$2 25
	24	114	F C Waldo	8 00
	28	118	H F Mattoon	5 00
Dec.	7	127	George Dickerman	7 18
	13	129	Wm Mattoon	5 30
	22	131	C A Luce	5 00
Jan.	28	135	W E Bacon	17 25
	31	138	F Edwards	2 87
Feb.	4	140	C W Goodwin	7 20
	4	142	J M Flint	5 00
	4	144	O Bixby	2 50
	6	148	C C Scales	6 12
Nov.	19	109	A N George	1 65
	21	110	G W Taplin	1 20
	21	111	G M Young	4 50
	23	113	W E Bacon	1 05
	24	115	F C Waldo	3 00
	24	117	C M Hall	2 85
	28	119	H F Mattoon	3 00
	28	120	E G Brown	16 00
	29	121	E B Dickinson	1 50
Dec.	3	126	W Morse	3 48
	7	128	W F Dewey	8 62
	19	130	W H Luce	3 45
1890				
Jan.	7	132	John McCollum	6 45
	21	133	G B Roberts	2 12
	28	134	C E F Baker	1 25
	28	136	W E Bacon	16 30
	30	137	David Dickerman	6 75
Feb.	1	139	M O Coburn	1 05
	4	143	E O Tracy	1 25
	9	145	W C Goodwin	1 50
	4	146	Milo Sanborn	3 25
	9	149	M O Gates	4 85
	6	150	W H Hill	1 33
	7	151	R Kennedy	5 00
	8	152	Horace Moxley	47 11
Nov.	21	13	A I Dexter	27 00
	28	14	E G Brown	31 50
	29	15	G F Fuller	4 00
	29	16	C W Bixby	6 00

Nov.	29	17	Fred P Hall	$1 20
Dec.	13	19	Horace Moxley	100 00
	29	20	George Densmore	4 50
1899				
Jan.	2	21	John McCollum	5 00
	28	22	W E Bacon	29 04
Feb.	6	24	N G Moore	4 00
	8	25	Horace Moxley	34 51
1898				
Jan.	20	67	Timothy Sullivan	9 40
1899				
Mar.	25	160	J C Durkee	7 00
	29	161	C W Lyon	2 50
	30	162	John C Royce	4 10
Apr.	1	163	Fred A Grant	1 75
	1	164	Carlton Slack	8 50
	1	165	D A Beckwith	8 90
	5	166	Fred Haywood	2 51
	8	168	Henry Clark	6 00
	10	169	J C Davis	2 75
	10	170	John A Edwards	1 15
	14	171	G W Taplin	4 94
	15	172	C P Dickinson	3 25
	17	173	B A Goodrich	3 50
	18	174	C L Buzzell	26 00
	19	175	Frank Larkin	1 85
	19	176	Frank E Larkin	3 74
	21	177	Truman H Spear	18 12
	21	178	R A Lyon	7 62
	22	179	S L Rich	4 79
	22	180	H S Annis	13 50
	24	181	Mrs W D Hook	50
	26	182	Peter Parizo	3 94
	28	183	A H Denison	12 00
	29	184	F R Laird	23 00
	29	185	E G Reed	8 55
	29	186	Geo B Roberts	10 05
May	1	187	Richard Kennedy	7 36
	2	188	H T Judd	1 50
	4	189	Homer Alger	3 50
	5	190	W M Mattoon	58 34
	8	191	Joseph McConnell	17 39
	8	192	C O Slack	2 00

May	9	193	Lewis J Gray	$3 25
	11	194	Edwin E Stone	10 37
	13	195	E G Reed	10 95
	13	196	C F Doyle	11 76
	15	197	E E Grosvenor	3 90
	19	198	Rufus Murdock	3 00
	19	199	Fillmore Edwards	6 69
	20	200	W M Mattoon	34 30
	24	201	J B Cosgrove	5 90
	25	202	W H Luce	10 50
	27	203	C F Doyle	12 00
	27	204	Horace Moxley	23 50
	30	205	E G Reed	12 00
	30	206	P J Emery	2 56
	30	207	John A Tracy	7 32
	31	208	C M Hunt	3 97
June	2	209	W H Luce	4 75
	3	210	Arthur C Slack	1 88
	3	211	E G Reed	4 50
	3	212	C F Doyle	7 50
	7	213	W M Mattoon	54 50
	9	214	Truman H Spear	12 05
	10	215	F M Perkins	2 18
	10	216	E G Reed	7 50
	10	217	C F Doyle	7 50
	19	218	C M Beckwith	6 25
	14	219	Geo F Reed	5 00
	15	220	G W Taplin	1 25
	15	221	O H Royce	1 50
	17	222	W H Luce	13 65
	17	223	E G Reed	8 85
	19	224	C F Doyle	8 85
	23	225	W H Luce	10 50
	23	226	E G Reed	9 00
	23	227	C F Doyle	9 00
	27	228	E M Smith	6 23
	29	229	John C Royce	1 00
July	1	230	Will E Bacon	16 22
	1	231	C F Doyle	8 25
	1	232	E G Reed	8 25
	3	233	C P Abbott	2 50
	3	234	W L Carpenter	6 25
	3	235	C C Scales	6 00

July	3	236	W H Luce	$8 75
	3	237	Sarah E Wills	1 50
	3	238	Geo B Colby	3 87
	3	239	E N Bacon	8 50
	5	240	L A Burbank	4 25
	5	241	A H George	4 95
	5	243	M O Gates	5 63
	7	244	Geo Dickerman	3 87
	8	245	W F Dewey	8 24
	19	246	W M Mattoon	124 90
	20	247	J M Grant	12 12
Aug.	15	248	C F Doyle	5 00
	15	249	E G Reed	5 75
	11	250	W M Mattoon	27 50
	12	251	C F Doyle	4 50
	12	252	E G Reed	4 50
	17	253	W H Luce	7 11
Sept.	5	254	A L Sprague	15 12
	13	255	J D Ballou	8 62
	14	256	David Dickerman	7 87
	15	257	Geo Folsom	2 00
	26	258	H W Garvin	74
Oct.	13	259	W M Mattoon	11 00
	21	260	E G Reed	7 70
	23	261	Joseph Lombard	1 50
Nov.	10	267	E G Reed	7 50
	13	271	E G Thorne	4 60
	13	273	Carlton Slack	6 00
	20	284	A Barnes	3 41
	23	295	C A Densmore	4 00
Dec.	1	300	W M Mattoon	34 30
	9	301	C F Doyle	1 25
	14	302	W M Mattoon	24 00
1900				
Jan.	1	303	W F Dewey	5 34
	10	304	M A Carpenter	1 95
	27	306	S L Rich	83
Feb.	7	307	W M Mattoon	11 35
	7	308	W M Mattoon	8 40—$1560 25

Report of Town Treasurer

Would respectfully report that since the last annual meeting there has been paid by the Treasurer, 409 orders drawn by the Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, School Directors, Road Commissioner and Town Clerk.

Paid 266 selectmen's and overseer's orders	$11532 52
36 road commissioner's orders	487 57
103 school directors' orders	3683 73
4 town clerk's orders	5 55
18 fox bounties	10 80
Allowed to taxpayers 4 per ct. on the amount paid to the treasurer before the expiration of 90 days	293 99
Allowed treasurer 1 per ct. for collecting same,	73 49
do. for issuing 92 war., 5c. each,	4 60
Am't due on collector's receipt for 1898	36 29
do. do. 1899	263 71
Balance in treasurer's hands, Feb. 17, 1900	1705 79
	$18098 04

CONTRA, CREDIT.

Amount in treasury on gen'l acc't, Feb. 15, '99,	$1145 19
Amout due on collector's receipt, 1894	4 35
do. do. 1895	12 83
do. do. 1896	3 75
do. do. 1897	55 05
do. do. 1898	446 03
Eunice A Noyes, town agent, sale of liquor	1489 17
Cong'l Church, money borrowed at 4 per ct	348 86
Frank W Button, do. do.	950 00

Hyde Cabot, money borrowed at 4 per cent.			$400 00
John N Sanborn,	do.	do.	200 00
Nat. Bk. Orange Co.,	do.	do.	2600 00
Etta G Allen,	do.	do.	250 00
Hyde Cabot,	do.	do.	100 00
C M Hunt,	do.	do.	25 00
C M Hunt,	do.	do.	25 00
W P Townsend, town clerk, dog license			104 20
Town Tax, 100 cents on the dollar			4254 89
" " special 5 cents on the dollar			213 36
Highway tax, 20 cents on the dollar			850 97
School do. 60 do. do.			2552 93
State treas., for 81 miles of total mileage of state,			478 00
Selectmen, rent of town hall			79 50
Selectmen, parsonage right			44 04
J M Jones, for one pair wheels			17 00
H O Bixby, lamp chimney			20
W J Tarbell, plank			20
W F Hood, stone			2 00
Groton Bridge Co.			25 00
H W Spear, lumber			1 00
W M Mattoon, old road machine			2 75
C P Dickinson			35
Overseer of the Poor, produce sold			605 36
Town of Randolph, tuition, 1898			4 75
Mrs W A Allen, school books sold, 1898			3 07
E A Corwin,	do.	do.	60
State treasurer, Huntington fund			46 87
School Directors, wood sold in district No. 6			5 00
J M Comstock, tuition, Chelsea Academy			114 50
State treasurer, eleven legal schools			403 70
Treasurer Chelsea Academy			57 28
Overseer of the Poor, interest on surplus money,			88 32
Selectmen,	do.	do.	60 22
Selectmen, school right			26 75
			$18098 04

W. P. TOWNSEND, Treasurer.

Resources & Liabilities of the Town, Feb. 12, 1900

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders and interest	$14740 73	
Bills approved by auditors	213 85	
Balance due B F Moulton and wife, services at town farm	50 00	
		$15004 58

RESOURCES.

Value of liquor on hand	$188 23	
Rent due on lease land	118 13	
Due on tax receipt	300 00	
Value of plank and lumber on hand	100 00	
Due from state for fox bounties	10 80	
Cash in treasurer's hands	1705 79	
		2422 95
Excess of liabillties		$12581 63

Bills of Town Officers Approved by Auditors

W P Townsend, clerk	$19 85
do treasurer	10 00
C P Dickinson, selectmen	50 00
H F Mattoon, selectman	5 00
C P Dickinson, overseer	50 00
W A Hood, lister	21 00
E A Corwin, school director	10 00
W E Allen, superintendent	28 00
E A Corwin, auditor	5 00
J M Comstock, auditor	5 00
W S Hatch, auditor	5 00
C S Emery, town agent	5 00
	$213 85

To the Taxpayers of Chelsea

I again have the satisfaction of being able to report that there is no litigation pending in which the town is a party.

C. S. EMERY, Town Agent.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 12, 1900.

Auditors' Report

The undersigned auditors have examined the accounts of the selectmen, overseer of the poor, school directors, road commissioner, treasurer, and liquor agent, and find proper vouchers for all money paid out.

On examination of the treasurer's accounts we find as follows:

In the hands of the treasurer on general fund		$2652 58
Due treasurer on highway account	$344 84	
do. school do.	601 96	
		946 80
Leaving in the hands of the treasurer		$1705 79

We also find in the hands of the treasurer on account of the cemetery fund $979 89

We also fine that there is due from the overseer of the poor, on account of the Erastus Bugbee property, $330 06

ERNEST A. CORWIN,
JOHN M. COMSTOCK, } Auditors.
WILLARD S. HATCH,

List of Taxes Abated

Allison F Hood,	list	'94	90
Geo N Simons,	"	'94	3 45
Allison F Hood,	"	'95	1 75
H P Fdwards,	"	'95	73
Chas H Morey,	"	'95	3 45
Mrs L M Morey,	"	'95	90
W M Cady,	"	'98	4 56
Amos B Wright,	"	'98	4 05
Martha J Landon,	"	'98	2 97
Daniel H Bean,	"	'99	3 75
Jennie E Moore,	"	'99	55 55
John Hogan,	"	'99	3 75
H N Mattison, trus.	"	'99	4 49
Chas J Durkee,	"	'99	1 48
Martha J Landon,	"	'99	2 67
			$94 45

Selectmen's Report

In making out report we have thought best to state briefly some of the causes for the still further excess of liabilities which appear in the foregoing report.

It was necessary, upon examination, to renew the Court house bridge, and it has been replaced by a substantial iron structure. The bridge was bought early in the season, before iron advanced, and stands the town at least $100 less than the order could be duplicated for to-day. This with the repairs of the other bridge makes the bridge expense far exceeds the usual amount.

The redncti on of taxes raised last year as compared with the previous year would make a difference of $1384 in the town's indebtedness.

$490.58 of the town indebtedness can be accounted for in the excess of money appropriated for highway and schools.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

The abandoned farms, together with the decreased number of children in the home, have compelled the school authorities from time to time to vacate nine of the schoolhouses of our town, and to transfer the care of yet another to the town of Washington, so that but ten schools have been maintained during the year.

In each for the time required by law, save the academic and grammar grades, which have had thirty-two weeks each.

Twelve teachers have been employed. Of this number eight have taught the entire year in town, of whom seven have taught continuously in one school.

As the returns from the districts have not been completed, I am unable to report the number of scholars enrolled, average attendance, and other items of interest.

The much needed fourth department was added to the academy at the beginning of the year, relieving the crowded condition of the rooms, and adding much to the efficiency of each grade.

The directors have also furnished note-books, tablets, pencils, paper, pens and ink in addition to the other school supplies.

I trust the teachers will strive to prevent every wasteful tendency on the part of their pupils to an unnecessary use of these furnishings.

Although the methods and efficiency of our teachers may not be uniform, each having his individual traits of strength and weakness, still I bespeak for them the hearty co-operation of their scholars, and the support, sympathy and

kindly advice of all, without which they cannot do their best.

It is to be regretted that some cases of truancy exist. I would urge parents and guardians to allow no obstacle to prevent their children from reaping the benefits afforded by the schools.

Remembering that the church and the school constitute the foundation upon which our nation has been builded, and that they are the hope of its future, I can but urge an appropriation sufficient to increase the efficiency of the schools, and to extend the number of weeks beyond the limit required by law.

I wish to repeat my recommendation of last year, that a uniform course of study be adopted, that no promotion be allowed except upon satisfactory examination, and that the pamphlet entitled "Course of Study for the Schools" of Vermont contains many suggestions worthy of your consideration.

W. E. ALLEN, Supt.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 12, 1900.

Births.

1899.		Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
Jan'y	19.	Ruth Lucina Allen.	R. W. & Jessie G.
	20.	Hugh Herald Hayward.	Chas. L. & Salisa L.
Feb.	10.	Reginald Lindsey Hill.	W. H & Dora A.
	14.	Ed'n Russell Carpenter.	Walter L. & Ata E.
Mar.	17.	Denison Sargent.	Philip L. & Lucy A.
April	27.	Hale Knight Darling, Jr.	Hale K. & Mabel M.
	29.	Ernest William Morrill.	Will O. & Myrtie E.
May	5.	Ethel May Goodell.	Geo. F. & Ada M.
	9.	William Henri Adams.	B. H. Jr. & Cora J.
	31.	Myrtie Dorithy Lombard.	Joseph & Mary Ann.
June	.14.	Almon Clark Burgess.	Elisha & Nellie A.
July	6.	. . . Dickinson.	C. P. & May L.
Aug.	14.	Ralph Oliver Carpenter.	Mars'll A.& Helen S.
	28.	Vinton Charles Corwin.	E. A. & Jessie B.
Sept.	12.	Ruth May Kennedy.	E. H. & Ella.
Nov.	13.	John Andrew Rogers.	P. W. & Alice.
Dec.	4.	Jerry James Lucas.	L. N. Jr. & Nellie.
	26.	Olive Grace Doyle.	Chas. F.& Hattie E.

Marriages.

1899. Feb.	15.	Herbert T. Judd, of Chelsea, to Hattie E. Robbins, of Chelsea.
	19.	Edward M. Smith, of Chelsea, to Mary Emma Fitts, of Corinth.
Oct.	3.	Herman Edwin Slack, of Chelsea, to Bessie May Hackett, of Chelsea.
	10.	Ernest M. Young, of Chelsea, to Kate A. (Barnes) Edwards, of Chelsea.
Nov.	7.	John W. Burbank, of Chelsea, to Nellie D. Barnes, of Chelsea.
	27.	Percy J. Heath, of Chelsea, to Genevieve B. Farnham, of Chelsea.

Deaths.

1899.	Name.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 14.	Lucy Ann Bradley Hardy.	86	1	30
Feb. 17.	Franklin Dearborn.	69	4	15
Mar. 5.	Sybil Ann Minard.	84		
19.	Denison Sargent.			2
April 5.	Laura A. Taylor.	69	8	9
6.	Chastenia Titus.	77	1	
22.	Richard Smith.	78	2	21
24.	Vesta Maria Allen.	58	11	13
May 27.	Susan E. Lougee.	47		
July 8.	. . . Dickinson.			2
12.	Caroline Matilda Tarbell.	71	11	12
Oct. 25.	Freeman S. Noyes.	75	1	16
27.	Dorathy Comstock,	2	2	26
30.	H. Edson Allen.	62	3	14
Nov. 5.	Elizabeth F. Skinner.	61		25
13.	Roxana Rolfe.	98	11	16
27.	Stevens Avery.	82		
Dec. 6.	Seta Little.	70		